

Report to: Leisure Strategy Delivery Forum

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Leisure Strategy Action Plan Update

Report summary:

Full Council and Cabinet formally adopted the Leisure and Built Facilities Strategy and its Action Plan in 2022.

The Leisure Strategy Delivery Forum members (previously called the LED Monitoring Forum in 2022) then discussed and agreed the programme of delivery for the key priorities for the Action Plan.

The Forum is required to keep under review the timelines, implications for resources and staff capacity issues against the individual priority actions that will feed back into the regular cycle of Forum meetings.

This report is the latest update on the current Leisure Strategy Action Plan.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes ☒ No ☐

Policy Framework Yes ☒ No ☐

Recommendation:

That the Forum notes the progress that has been made and highlight any areas that warrant further discussion.

Reason for recommendation:

To comply with a monitoring, delivery and reporting framework for the delivery of the Leisure & Built Facilities Strategy.

It provides an opportunity to work with internal Services and provide support in the delivery of the key priorities and identify where additional resource may be required to ensure completion of the tasks.

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- ☐ Climate Action and Emergency Response
- ☐ Coast, Country and Environment
- ☐ Council and Corporate Co-ordination
- ☐ Communications and Democracy
- ☐ Economy
- ☒ Finance and Assets
- ☒ Strategic Planning

- ☐ Sustainable Homes and Communities
- ☒ Culture, Leisure, Sport and Tourism

Equalities impact Low Impact

Climate change Low Impact

Risk: Low Risk; The timetable includes both internal and external dependencies and adherence to this timetable will be monitored through the Leisure Strategy Delivery Forum.

Links to background information EDDC Leisure Strategy Action Plan 2022- 2027.pdf presented alongside this report.

Link to [Council Plan](#)

Priorities (check which apply)

- ☒ A supported and engaged community
 - ☐ Carbon neutrality and ecological recovery
 - ☒ Resilient economy that supports local business
 - ☐ Financially secure and improving quality of service
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1.0 Background and context

- 1.1 The Leisure and Built Facilities Strategy was adopted in June 2022. This outlines the Council's plans for improving leisure facilities and services in the district, with a focus on providing opportunities for physical activity and improving the quality of life for residents. Alongside that was a Built Leisure Strategy Action Plan with defined priorities over the lifespan of the strategy (i.e 2022 – 2027).
- 1.2 Discussion items:
 - To review the completion timelines as indicated in the Leisure Strategy Action Plan spreadsheet attached with the report. – are these still achievable and realistic?
 - To raise any issues of concern in meeting timelines that can lead to a review of completion dates and also if additional resource is required to enable the action to be delivered
- 1.3 Of note, the Council is currently in the midst of a strategic review of its approach to leisure service delivery. This is being undertaken with the benefit of consultancy support from Strategic Leisure and has included undertaking a series of workshops to help understanding of current arrangements across leisure and to review potential options.

2.0 Conclusion

- 2.1 Many of the actions identified within the Leisure Strategy Action Plan have been completed or are in progress.
 - 2.2 Some of the timescales require adjustment as the strategic review of leisure service delivery currently taking place is a much more detailed piece of work than originally intended when the Action Plan was written in 2022. A separate report at this Forum provides an update on that Work.
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Finance

There are no immediate financial implications identified at this stage for this report.

Legal

No legal comments at this stage.