



<b>Service Delivery Committee</b>	<b>Tuesday, 05 July 2016</b>	<b>Matter for Information</b>
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**Title: Leisure Services Update**

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## **1. Introduction**

The Leisure Services report provides Members with an update on the Council's Leisure Contract; the Health & Wellbeing Board; Brocks Hill Country Park and Centre; School Sports facilities; and Sport and Physical Activity Commissioning.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. That Members note the progress in relation to leisure services.
- 2.2. That Members note the need to increase car parking spaces at Brocks Hill / Parklands Leisure Centre and to provide their comments.

## **3. Information**

### **3.1. Leisure Contract**

Following on from the previous report to the Service Delivery Committee in March 2016, it can now be confirmed that the stretch target of 510,000 Leisure Centre attendances for 2015/16 was surpassed. Participation/attendance detail shown below:

Leisure Centre participation/attendances:

2013/14 - Leisure Connection:	<b>= 271,000</b>
2014/15 - SLM/Everyone Active:	<b>= 426,000</b>
2015/16 - SLM/Everyone Active:	

- Target participation for 2015-16 (based on 3.5% annual increase) **= 440,910**
- Stretched participation target for 2015-16 **= 510,000**
- Actual participation figure achieved in 2015-16 **= 566,966**

This is an excellent achievement and testament to both the superb new facilities provided by the Council and to the commitment and expertise of SLM's service delivery teams in offering the best customer service possible to the community. Extract from Annual Services Report for 2015/16 can be found in Appendix 1.

### **3.2. Oadby and Wigston Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB)**

The Oadby and Wigston Health & Wellbeing Board met on 5 April 2016. A decision was made by the group to change the format of the meetings, in order to ensure the identified HWBB priorities could be properly discussed and driven forwards. The core group of HWBB members will attend each meeting, with specialist health and community representatives invited to attend relevant meetings. The Terms of Reference were also updated to reflect the new priorities and the change in format.

Each meeting will focus on one of three identified priority areas, with the final meeting acting as a Summit to review achievements and outcomes. Dates as follows:

- 12 July 2016 – Dementia / Diabetes
- 11 October 2016 – Diabetes/Healthy Weight
- 10 January 2017 – Substance/ Alcohol Misuse
- 4 April 2017 – Annual summit

### 3.3. Brocks Hill Update

#### Country Park Facilities

- Giant throne installed within Jubilee Amphitheatre, this was sponsored by the Oadby & Wigston Lions Group along with a new picnic bench, which has been installed near the play area.
- Jubilee Amphitheatre/outdoor performance space utilised for live music performances at the Brocks Hill Garden Party.
- Volunteers have maintained fencing, wood chip and brash supplies around the den building and play areas and fencing around the memorial mound.
- With the wet early spring weather, drainage and maintenance work was undertaken by the Ranger around the footpaths to ensure health and safety standards are maintained.

#### Community Engagement

The centre door counters recorded the following visitor numbers:

March	10,918
April	10,148
May	11,080
<b>Year Total Apr-15 to Apr-16</b>	<b>146,444</b>
Total since 01 January	44,362

- The Friends of Brocks Hill have continued to fundraise for the Volunteer Development Project.
- Holiday events had strong bookings. Events included up to three sessions a day. Many events were sold out in advance. Feedback forms data has been analysed. Both qualitative and quantitative evidence of where people come from; outcomes from activities etc.
- Leicester De Montfort Rotary Club has continued to photograph Brocks Hill as one of their 2015-16 environmental projects.
- Borough wide Archaeology Field Work Group continues to meet at BH.
- Currently working with groups using the site such as local “Doggie Day”, Oadby Stakeholders First World War event and Oadby & Wigston Lions.

#### Centre and Building Work

- Interim arrangement: SLM for café delivery and catering for events continue; work about to commence with the Community Asset Group as part of the wider analysis of Brocks Hill.
- Volunteer gardeners continue working on site. Regular plant donations including one visitor who travels from Market Harborough most weeks with

plants.

#### **3.4. School Sport: South Wigston High School - Access to Sports Facilities**

Leicestershire & Rutland Sport (LRS) met with the Head Teacher of South Wigston High School (SWHS), Chair of Governors and the Business Manager in May 2016. A plan of action has been agreed to increase and manage community use of the sports hall, playing fields and other appropriate areas of the school.

SWHS is keen to develop a dual-use model, in which initially they manage in-house with some support from LRS for evening and weekend access to the site. LSR will support in setting up the standard operation management processes and marketing the facility to clubs and the local community. The aim is for a September start with some pre marketing, programming prep and operational preparation being undertaken this side of the summer holidays. The main programme will be a combination of fitness /health and wellbeing classes (Yoga to Zumba) in the dance studio and standard club sports and various pay and play activities in the sports hall.

#### **3.5. Car Parking – Brocks Hill / Parklands Leisure Centre**

A sub group, comprising of key Council Offices; the leisure contractor; ground maintenance and the Land & Property Data Manager met recently to discuss ways of increasing car parking spaces on the Brocks Hill/ Parklands Leisure Centre site.

The dual site is busy everyday of the week, from early morning to the end of the day. Visitors to the Country Park and Centre include dog walkers; bird watchers; runners; those hiring the Meeting Room/Exhibition Hall for events, parties and meetings. School use and community groups such as the Knitters and walking groups. This is in addition to the large number of volunteers that help on site and paying guests who take part in the many courses and activities on offer at Brocks Hill. The Leisure Centre provides a wide-range of fitness classes, gym sessions, children's activity camps and swimming for the community, in addition to sports events, galas, and use of the Function Suite for weddings, events and conferences.

Council Members confirmed their desire to support the NHS Breast Screening Vehicle, to be located in Parklands car park, which has now been actioned. This has subsequently resulted in 10 parking spaces being utilised to accommodate the vehicle and for staff / patients parking.

The sub group looked at a number of possible areas for additional parking; these include the area of land at the side of Parklands Leisure Centre (situated between PLC and Wigston Road); a small area of un-used and overgrown land opposite PLC; the green grass sections in-between the car parking spaces on Brocks Hill's site and another small area of grass to the side of Brocks Hill.

Whilst the option of using small areas of land to increase some car parking spaces, it will not 'future proof' the site. Particularly as both Brocks Hill and Parklands aim to expand their business plans to further engage with more people/communities, which in turn meets one of the Councils key priorities of 'Improving the Health of Residents'. Another option for parking is Brocks Hill's Ridge and Furrow field.

Member's views to explore these options further would be appreciated.

*(Continued overleaf)*

## Map of Brocks Hill and Parklands Leisure Site



### 3.6. 2016/17 Sport & Physical Activity Commissioning

Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, on behalf of the locality has been successful in drawing down a total of £106,000 external funding and partnership contributions to deliver targeted sport and physical activity interventions across the borough. Key funders include Public Health, Leicestershire & Rutland Sport, Leicestershire County Council, and Leicestershire Nutrition & Dietetic Service (LNDS). In addition to local partner contributions from SLM/Everyone Active, the School Sports Partnership and other local sports providers. Further funding will be available from Sport England, to deliver specific projects to targeted groups, criteria and funding amount to be confirmed.

Working in partnership is key to the success of the Commissioning plan, to enable the delivery of activities; provide exit routes; sustainability and to pool resources. A key partner is our leisure contractor SLM/Everyone Active, not only working in partnership to improve facilities and opportunities, but also to expand and improve schemes such as Exercise Referral and Heart Smart.

Performance management arrangements and systems are in place locally to ensure the Action Plan stays on track; formal reporting will take place twice a year which includes the collation of both qualitative and quantitative evidence, in addition to 12 case studies. Two visits will take place during the year by the Commissioning Board to view the local programmes in action. Progress updates will also be provided to the Oadby and Wigston Local Sport Alliance, and the O&W Health and Wellbeing Board,

which reflects their new priorities.

**Background Documents:-**  
Annual Services Report

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<b>Implications</b>	
<b>Financial</b> [CR]	The above schemes/projects can be met within budgetary provision, and the relevant external funding/support identified.
<b>Legal</b> [AC]	No significant implications
<b>Risk</b> [AL]	CR1 - Decreasing financial resources. CR8 - Organisational change.
<b>Equalities</b> [AL]	Current EIA Commissioning Action plan completed in July 2015. Next assessment due in 2018. Brocks Hill Equality Assessment completed June 2016.
	Equality Assessment
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial Screening <input type="checkbox"/> Full Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable