

Heritage Culture Leisure & Tourism Scrutiny Commission

Leisure Centre Capital Programme Phase 1

Decision to be taken by: To note contents

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Useful information

- Ward(s) affected: Aylestone, Belgrave and Evington
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1. Summary

- 1.1 To report outcomes from the Phase 1 capital programme to upgrade the Health & Fitness facilities at Cossington Street, Evington and Aylestone leisure centres.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the Direct Debit membership numbers, compared to the targets, at Cossington Street, Evington and Aylestone leisure centres following the recent capital improvement works to the Health & Fitness facilities.
- 2.2 To note the split of membership numbers at Evington leisure centre between City and County residents.

3. Supporting information

Background

- 3.1 The capital programme, 2018/19, included an upgrade programme of the Health & Fitness facilities at Cossington, Aylestone and Evington Leisure centres.
- 3.2 In June 2019 the Council approved £2.8 m to undertake the three schemes which includes new fitness equipment at each centre.
- 3.3 The approval included the appointment of Alliance Leisure Services (ALS) to undertake the schemes utilising the UK Leisure Framework under a Design and Build contract with financial risk transferring to ALS.
- 3.4 Following approval of the designs and cost certainty values construction work commenced at Cossington in February 2020, and despite the impact of COVID the work was completed on time at the end of August 2020. Aylestone Leisure Centre construction work commenced in June 2020 and was completed at the end of September 2020.
- 3.5 The construction works at Evington Leisure Centre required planning permission which delayed the start of the project and contract signing. Construction work commenced in September 2020 and was completed on programme in June 2021.
- 3.6 The impact of the COVID pandemic caused closures and partial re-opening of centres over the last 18 months. All centres fully re-opened for the first time in

September 2021.

- 3.7 It is pleasing to report that despite considerable disruption caused by the pandemic the membership numbers at the three leisure centres have bounced back and have all exceeded the targets. See table 4.3 below.

4. Details of Scrutiny

- 4.2 On the 20 August 2021 the HLC&S Scrutiny meeting requested the numbers of Evington Leisure Centre Health and Fitness members from outside of the city and the retention statistics from those joining with the 50% discount.

- A. Evington LC currently has 2,094 prepaid (direct debit & annual) health & fitness members of which 372 (18%) reside in the County area. Appendix A is the Heat Map showing the H&F County members.
- B. The gym refurbishments opened with an offer of three months half price, this generated 1,201 new membership sales. In total 65% of these members have been retained and have converted to paying full price direct debit membership.

- 4.3 The Commission also requested an update on the Leisure Centre Refurbishment Capital Programme.

The overall performance of Phase 1 schemes against the original target membership is summarised in the table below as at September 2021.

	Direct Debit H&F Member Target	Direct Debit H&F Member Current	Variance
Aylestone LC	992	1,134	+142
Cossington LC	600	806	+206
Evington LC	975	1,705	+730
Total	2,567	3,645	+1,078

5. Financial, legal and other implications

5.1 Financial implications

None

5.3 Legal implications

None

5.4 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

None

5.5 Equalities Implications

None

5.9 Other Implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)

None

6. Background information and other papers:

None

7. Summary of appendices:

None

8. Is this a private report (If so, please indicated the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?

No

9. Is this a “key decision”?

No

10. If a key decision, please explain reason

Heat Map showing County Health & Fitness members

