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Key Decision: No

Gravesham Borough Council

Report to: Community & Leisure Cabinet Committee

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Subject: The development of a Sport, Leisure and Active Gravesham Strategy

Purpose and summary of report: To update Members on the current development of a Sport, Leisure & Active Recreation Strategy.

Recommendations:

1. That the Cabinet Committee makes known its views on the report and in particular the main priorities, aims and objectives listed within the report prior to external consultation and development of an accompanying future action plan.

Key Implications:	
Item	Implications
Legal	No implications at this stage
Finance and Value for Money	No additional budget requests at this point in time. Any future budgetary requirements will be sought following existing procedures i.e. via a Management Team report.
Corporate Plan	#2 Place - Gravesham Borough Council's 2019 to 2023 Corporate Plan has identified that physical activity is important in ensuring that residents are 'safe, healthy and active' Section two of the plan, 'Place' lays out the council's vision for achieving this:
Climate Change	The strategy needs to complement the Council's carbon neutral commitments.

1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The Communities Directorate have in recent times implemented two key strategies; Arts & Cultural Strategy and a Tourism & Heritage Strategy. The third related strategy that is currently being developed is a Sport, Leisure & Active Recreation Strategy. This portfolio of strategies for the Communities Directorate will then help to provide a sound and coherent framework for improving and

enhancing leisure, culture and tourism, in its widest sense for the foreseeable future.

- 1.2 It is widely recognised that taking part in physical activity through sport and active recreation has the ability to improve the quality of life for individuals and communities and delivers a range of social, health, economic and environmental benefits. Gravesham has large scale health inequalities and, whilst improvements have been made in recent years, the difference experienced across the borough varies widely.
- 1.3 With this in mind, the updated Sport, Leisure & Active Recreation Strategy, which now includes a section on the proposed leisure centre development at Cascades Leisure Centre; includes a number of key priorities and actions which will provide a framework for tackling inactivity, as well as linking in to the wider developments such as future facility provision within the borough. Members of the committee are therefore asked to consider the draft strategy in Appendix 1, prior to external consultation being carried out in the near future and the development of an accompanying Action Plan.

2. Appendices

- 2.1 The following documents are to be published with the report: Appendix 1 – Draft Sport, Leisure & Active Recreation Strategy.

3. Background Documents

- 3.1 There are no background documents.

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Secondary Implications	
Risk Assessment	Replacement of a leisure centre is a large project for a district council, so it is important that the necessary resources are dedicated to this project to ensure that all risks are covered. The council does not have the necessary capacity or professional expertise in some of the areas required to deliver this complex and large scale project. In such instances support will be sought from professional external experts within the financial envelope provided for these services (£300,000).
Data Protection Impact Assessment	<i>A data protection impact assessment (DPIA) should be carried out at the start of any major project involving the use of personal data or if you are making a significant change to an existing process.</i>
	a. Does the project/change being recommended through this paper involve the processing of personal data or special category data or criminal offence data ? A definition of each type of data can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office website via the above links. Click here and type Yes or No
	b. If yes to question a, have you completed and attached a DPIA including Data Protection Officer advice? Not applicable
	c. If no to question b, please seek advice from your nominated DPIA assessor or the Information Governance Team at gdpr@medway.gov.uk . As above.
Equality Impact Assessment	a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community? If yes, please explain answer. No
	b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality? If yes, please explain answer. Click he The centre proposed will be a brand new, accessible facility that will take into account all relevant modern build standards.re to start typing
	<i>In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above</i>
Crime and Disorder	The new centre will enable the site as a whole to be looked at in terms of access/egress from the site, especially with regards to ASB, as well as layouts of the new centre itself to mitigate historic issues associated with the existing facility.
Digital and website implications	The current leisure centre is operated by a partner organisation, so at this stage this is not an issue.
Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults	All contractors used will need to adhere to the Councils Safeguarding policy.