

CITY EXECUTIVE BOARD

Monday 22 April 2013

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Price (Leader), Turner (Deputy Leader), Cook, Coulter, Curran and Tanner.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Peter Sloman (Chief Executive), Lois Stock (Democratic and Electoral Services Officer), Lindsay Cane (Law and Governance), Ian Brooke (Head of Leisure, Parks and Communities) and Lucy Cherry (City Leisure)

122. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Lygo, Sinclair and Smith.

123. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received

124. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Questions were submitted from Mr Gibson in relation to agenda item 5 – Fusion Lifestyle Annual Service Plan 2013/14.

His written questions with answers were distributed at the start of the meeting. These are attached to the minutes as appendix one.

125. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORTS

None submitted.

126. FUSION LIFESTYLE ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN 2013/14

The Head of Leisure and Parks submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) concerning Fusion Lifestyle's Annual Service Plan for 2013/14. Councillor Van Coulter, Board Member for Leisure Services presented the report to the Board and provided some background and context.

He asked the Board to note that:-

- (1) The contract with Fusion will deliver savings of £7 million (over base budget) over ten years;
- (2) To date it has delivered £3.5 million in investment and has increased participation in sports and physical activities;

- (3) There were 1.1. m recorded visits to leisure facilities in the past year, with the subsidy per visitor dropping to 57p for the year to date.

Councillor Coulter congratulated both Fusion and the leisure staff for their hard work. He noted that there was a need to drive up participation, especially from the more deprived areas of the City. He commended the report to City Executive Board.

Ian Brooke added that the Council and Fusion were keen to rise to the challenges, and that whilst many sports nationally were having difficulties with participation levels, Oxford had seen a 40% increase since 2009. In answer to a question, Lucy Cherry reported that there had been an 85 tonne carbon saving in the past year, and that savings in water usage were expected.

Resolved to endorse Fusion Lifestyle's Annual Service Plan for the management of the Council's leisure facilities for 2013/14.

127. YOUTH AMBITION STRATEGY

The Head of Leisure and Parks submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) concerning the Council's Youth Ambition Strategy. Ian Brooke presented the report to the Board and provided some background and context. He emphasised the following points:-

- (1) Oxford has an above average number of young people living in the City – almost 60,000 aged between birth to 24 years;
- (2) The diverse nature of Oxford is expected to continue, with almost half the births in the City being to mothers from outside the UK;
- (3) Almost 6,000 children in Oxford live in poverty and over 2,500 households with dependant children have no adult in work;
- (4) There are 250 people in Oxford defined as "NEET" (not in employment, education or training);
- (5) It can be seen that there are some significant challenges for young people living in Oxford.

Councillor Curran, Board Member for Young People, Education and Community Development added that young people in Oxford were especially affected by unemployment and cuts to services. Oxford was right to be concerned. To make its work successful, the City Council needed to work with other agencies.

Ian Brooke confirmed that the consultation would start at the end of April, run throughout May, and report the results to a meeting of CEB in the summer – probably early July.

Resolved to:-

- (1) Thank Ian Brooke and his team for their work on this issue;

(2) Approve the Youth Ambition Strategy for consultation.

128. FUTURE ITEMS

Nothing was raised under this item.

129. MATTERS EXEMPT FROM PUBLICATION

None.

The meeting started at 2.30 pm and ended at 2.51 pm

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