

Leisure, Culture and the Third Sector Scrutiny Board

27 June, 2016

Summary of Matters Considered at the Board

Report of the Chair, Councillor Ahmed

The Scrutiny Board met on 27 June, 2016 and the following item was considered. For more detail, a copy of the minutes is available on the Committee Management Information System (CMIS) via the Council's website at <http://cmis.sandwell.gov.uk/cmis5/>

Sandwell Leisure Trust Business Plan

The Board received the Business Plan submitted to the Council by Sandwell Leisure Trust in October, 2015, which sets out how the Trust intends to operate leisure facilities and deliver a sports development service on behalf of the Council, from 2016/2017 to 2018/2019.

The Board held a discussion regarding the future sustainability of leisure provision based upon the business plan. An overview of the finances detailed in the business plan was also presented to the Board, along with the impact they would have on Council finances in future years.

Members remarked upon the Sandwell Leisure Trust brand and its significance to the Sandwell community. The Cabinet Member for Leisure, who was present at the meeting, acknowledged this and informed the Board that the Council is committed to continuing its negotiations with the Trust, in the hope that an agreement can be reached which delivers best value. The Board notes that a further report will be submitted to the Cabinet following the completion of these negotiations and the Chair asked that scrutiny is kept informed on developments.

The Board supports the continuation of negotiations between the Council and Sandwell Leisure Trust.

Councillor Ahmed

Chair of the Leisure, Culture and the Third Sector Scrutiny Board