

Bolsover District Council

Executive

1st February 2016

Creswell Leisure Centre Future Options

Report of the Joint Assistant Director - Leisure

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

To agree the establishment of a working group to explore options and proposals for the future of Creswell Leisure Centre.

1 Report Details

Background

At Executive on Monday 5th January 2015, it was resolved that;

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LEISURE FACILITIES: TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE SERVICE – NEXT STEPS

Officers work with partners including CISWO, the Charities Commission, the Parish Council and community groups to identify options for the future use of Creswell Leisure Centre

Since this resolution, officers and a selection of elected members have worked with others to develop, as a starting point for discussions, an initial paper highlighting a potential future proposal for Creswell Leisure Centre.

It is understood that the facility has a great deal of heritage and affection associated with it and has been a focal point for both the immediate and surrounding communities with several generations of the same families sharing experiences and memories over many years of activity enjoyed at the facility.

Options for the future use of the facility are wide and varied, however in keeping with almost any project, sustainability has to be a key consideration.

It is proposed that a steering group is developed and led by the District Council with a remit of working with others to explore options and bring back options for consideration and approval to the Council.

It is proposed that this steering group would include the following stakeholders;

- BDC officers and elected members
- Elmtton with Creswell Parish Council
- Elmtton with Creswell Big Local group
- Creswell Crags
- BDC Partnership Team
- CISWO
- Charities Commission
- Creswell History Group

Terms of reference of the steering group will be drafted in advance of and agreed at the first meeting of the group. It is proposed that the steering group would have a core composition of BDC officers and elected members with an option to co-opt others as and when appropriate to do so.

It is envisaged that the creation of a steering group could also be the catalyst for collaboration that could improve the areas attraction as a destination.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

Members have previously approved officers to work with others to identify options for the future use of Creswell Leisure Centre.

This proposal presents a mechanism to achieve this along with a discussion paper to act as an example of a future option.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

A District wide consultation upon the decision to cease the current operation at the Creswell facility has been undertaken previously, broad representation at the steering group will ensure appropriate consultation and consideration of equality impact will continue throughout the lifespan of the steering group.

An equalities impact assessment will be created and become a dynamic document which will inform the steering group's actions throughout.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

BDC to determine the future along with CISWO and Charities Commission in isolation – **rejected** as this approach would possibly not allow for the opportunities through collaborating with others to be explored fully.

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

The new facility at Clowne is due to open in January 2017, the current operations at Creswell are anticipated to cease immediately prior to this.

The staff currently employed at Creswell will be transferred and become part of the Clowne team once the new facility opens.

Dependant upon the final decision for the future of Creswell Leisure Centre, operating requirements need to be established including but not limited to the following;

- Revenue budget – both interim and future operation
- Capital budget
- Continuity of elements of existing provision ie squash courts/ gym
- Refurbishment/project planning
- Health and Safety and security during closure/transformation
- New programme of activities

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

- The current legal position is:
- Bolsover District Council hold the baths pursuant to a charitable scheme dated July 1954;
- The baths are to used “as public swimming baths for the benefit of inhabitants of the Rural District of Clowne and the neighbourhood”
- We can not sell without the consent of the CISWO and the Charity Commission;
- Any sale proceeds must be used for purposes connected to “the social well-being , recreation and condition of living of workers in or about coal mines as the Charity Commissioners may approve”

The legal position needs further exploration with CISWO and the Charities Commission.

5.3 Human Resources Implications

A process of assimilation will take place with the staff currently employed at Creswell being transferred to the new Clowne facility once open.

6 Recommendations

That members approve the formation of the steering group and the proposed membership to explore the future options for Creswell Leisure Centre.

That the steering group develops an appropriate business case for future usage of Creswell Leisure Centre for Cabinet to consider by October 2016.

7 Decision Information

Is the decision a Key Decision? (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	No
District Wards Affected	Directly – Elmton with Creswell Indirectly - all
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	

8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
N/A	
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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