

## **Active and Cohesive Communities Scrutiny Committee**

Monday 8th October 2017

The consultation for Leisure Provision in Kidgrove.

The Head of Leisure and Cultural Services submitted a report which presented the outcomes of the consultation undertaken from the 17th July to the 14th August 2017 on interim sports activities provision in the Kidsgrove area.

The results which will inform future plans and activities of the Council and its Sports and Active Lifestyle Services following the closure of Kidsgrove Sports Centre. The role of the committee was consider the outcomes of the consultation exercise and to make recommendations to Cabinet on sports activities to be delivered to the local community.

A total of 238 responses were received with 97% seeing the provision of swimming as important more than half said they would use a gym, family leisure events and group exercises.

Members considered the distribution of the questionnaire and commented that the number of respondents was disappointingly low.

Mr Ray Williams from the Kidsgrove Leisure Centre Action Group was present at the meeting and commented the results were similar to the information that their group had collected.

It was agreed by all of the Committee that we recommend to Cabinet the dual use gym and fitness studio in partnership with a suitable education provider.

This venue should be suitable for and capable of accommodating family leisure events.

We also received a briefing report from the Head of Leisure and Cultural Services on the Actions that the Borough is taking to support Stoke on Trent City Council on their bid to be nominated as the UK City of Culture 2021.

Dementia Friendly Swimming.

We received a recommendation by the Cabinet to approve the development of an appropriate action plan to implement Dementia Friendly Swimming at Jubilee 2 within existing resources and in partnership with appropriate local partners.

The next meeting is December 12th 2017. 7pm.

Chair Cllr Gill Williams.