

CULTURE & LEISURE REVIEW COMMITTEE

15 July 2008

WELLNESS CENTRE PRICING

REPORT OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

**Strategic Priority : Healthy City, Learning City
Corporate Improvement Objectives: CIO1 & CIO3**

1. Why has this report come to the Committee?

- 1.1 This report provides Members of the Culture and Leisure Review Committee with an opportunity to receive details of Cabinet's response to Review Committee recommendations regarding wellness centre pricing.
- 1.2 The Corporate Improvement Plan 2007-2008 expresses the Sport and Leisure service's commitment to residents stating that "in Sunderland everyone will have access to quality sport and physical activity opportunities to improve their health and wellbeing at first class community based facilities."

2. Background

- 2.1 A presentation was made to a joint meeting held with the Policy and Coordination Review Committee on 19 June 2008, in response to a request for an item relating to the Council's Wellness Centres.
- 2.2 The meeting did not consider the detail and rationale for the Wellness pricing structure. The Committees agreed that future scrutiny of pricing for sport and leisure activities should be considered by the Culture and Leisure Review Committee.

3. Current position

- 3.1 Following the joint meeting held on 19 June 2008 it was proposed that the Culture and Leisure Review Committee be tasked to undertake an in-depth study of the Wellness Pricing Structure to include comparisons with other local authorities.
- 3.2 It was further proposed that the Culture and Leisure Review Committee consider undertaking an annual review of the pricing policy framework relating to Wellness Centres.
- 3.3 The recommendations from the joint meeting of the Culture and Leisure and Policy and Co-ordination Review Committees on the

Wellness Centre pricing are to be presented to Cabinet on Wednesday 9 July 2008. A verbal update on the Cabinet decisions will be provided at the meeting.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 Members will wish to consider the recommendations regarding the Wellness Pricing Framework.

5 Recommendation

- 5.1 That the Committee consider including the Wellness Pricing Structure in the current work programme for 2008/09.

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