

# Cabinet



St Edmundsbury  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 11 January 2017 - Review of Abbeycroft Leisure Ltd Performance 2005-2016</b>	
<b>Report No:</b>	<b>CAB/SE/17/004</b>	
<b>Report to and date:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>	7 February 2017
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<b>Purpose of report:</b>	On 11 January 2017, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered Report No: <a href="#">OAS/SE/17/004</a> , which asked the Committee to review the performance of Abbeycroft Leisure Ltd in St Edmundsbury to inform the development of a new Partnership Agreement.	
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>It is <u>RECOMMENDED</u> that note be taken of the findings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in developing a new Partnership Agreement with Abbeycroft moving forward, in particular:</b>  <b>(1) the need for full transparency in costs to the Council of providing leisure services;</b>	

	<p>(2) <b>the need for the agreement to focus on the outcomes for the health and wellbeing of communities; and</b></p> <p>(3) <b>the approach to developing a Partnership Agreement with Abbeycroft for at least 10 years and alignment of leases will deliver value for money service for the Council.</b></p>		
<p><b>Key Decision:</b></p> <p><i>(Check the appropriate box and delete all those that <b>do not</b> apply.)</i></p>	<p><i>Is this a Key Decision and, if so, under which definition?</i></p> <p>Yes, it is a Key Decision - <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No, it is not a Key Decision - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>		
<b>Consultation:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Report No: OAS/SE/17/004</li> </ul>		
<b>Alternative option(s):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Report No: OAS/SE/17/004</li> </ul>		
<b>Implications:</b>			
<i>Are there any <b>financial</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Report No: OAS/SE/17/004</li> </ul>	
<i>Are there any <b>staffing</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Report No: OAS/SE/17/004</li> </ul>	
<i>Are there any <b>ICT</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Report No: OAS/SE/17/004</li> </ul>	
<i>Are there any <b>legal and/or policy</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Report No: OAS/SE/17/004</li> </ul>	
<i>Are there any <b>equality</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Report No: OAS/SE/17/004</li> </ul>	
<b>Risk/opportunity assessment:</b>		<i>(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)</i>	
<b>Risk area</b>	<b>Inherent level of risk</b> (before controls)	<b>Controls</b>	<b>Residual risk</b> (after controls)
See Report No: OAS/SE/17/004			
<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>		All Wards	
<b>Background papers:</b> <i>(all background papers are to be published on the website and a link included)</i>		Report No: <a href="#">OAS/SE/17/004</a> ,	
<b>Documents attached:</b>		None	

## **1. Key issues and reasons for recommendation**

### **1.1 Key Issues**

- 1.1.1 The Committee received Report No: OAS/SE/17/004, requesting Members to review the performance of Abbeycroft Leisure in St Edmundsbury, which would then inform the development of a new Partnership Agreement.
- 1.1.2 The report included information on the establishment of Abbeycroft Leisure; trustees and governance (Appendix 1); core business for West Suffolk; attendance levels; continuous improvement and quality management; initiatives and projects; business development and diversification; financial performance; strategic leisure support and advice; approaches and cost of other local authorities; challenges; and the future. Also attached was an Exempt Appendix 3, containing confidential business information.
- 1.1.3 The Committee considered the report in detail and asked a number of questions of the Cabinet Member, Councillor Joanna Rayner; Abbeycroft Leisure's Chief Executive, Warren Smyth; and officers, to which comprehensive responses were provided.
- 1.1.4 Discussions were held on the investment fund created in December 2016; health programmes for the elderly; working with partners in rural areas; new funding opportunities for sports in rural areas; reducing the management fee; Abbeycroft Leisure broadening its remit in all areas of sport, including mainstream sports; and outcomes from the Stand Tall project. In particular Members discussed:
- The optimum length in developing a partnership agreement, and sought clarification as to why this was not a tender process.
  - The size and adequacy of the Bury St Edmunds swimming pool; opportunities to open the pool area to the outside; and the opportunity for spectator seating at the athletics track.
- 1.1.5 The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee thanked Abbeycroft Leisure for the work they had done, and noted the development and improvement of facilities over the years.
- 1.1.6 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the report and has put forward recommendations as set out on pages one and two of this report.