

Meeting: Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee

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Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report and the linked presentation is to give the Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee an overview of the journey Sport and Leisure service has been on over the period of the Covid Pandemic.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Sub-committee is recommended to note the report and comment on the presentation.

3. Details

3.1 The period since the first lockdown in March 2020 through to the current easing of restrictions on service delivery has been extremely challenging for Sport and Leisure Services. Major sections of the service have not been able to operate for much of the past 18 months and some aspects have remained closed throughout.

3.2 Other services have been able to operate for limited periods and with reduced capacity when lockdown restrictions have been eased. For example, reduced numbers with booking systems for our pools and gyms. This has had significant impact on customer numbers and subsequent income and it will take a considerable period to build back up pre pandemic activity.

3.3 During the same period the majority of the Sport and Leisure team at some point were redeployed to other keys services to support our corporate response to the pandemic. In addition, The Parks Leisure centre became a major Covid vaccination and testing centre for the Borough

3.4 The presentation will cover what the service has been able to deliver over the period of the pandemic and how it planned for a return to business as usual.

4. Background Information

The following documents have been used in the compilation of this report: Government guidance on restrictions during the pandemic <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>