

GWYNEDD COUNCIL
LEISURE SERVICES SUFFICIENCY REVIEW



Gwynedd Council is considering its strategy and management options for the future provision of leisure facilities and services.

The Council is committed to meeting its objective of continued improvement through the delivery of high quality services and wishes to determine the most suitable options available to achieve this objective.

With this in mind the Council has commissioned a sufficiency review to inform future provision and plans for improvement, rationalisation and development.

The sufficiency review conclusions will also inform the options for future management arrangements to take forward the improvement agenda.

The Review will be undertaken by Howard Tolley and Sara Green who are Just Solutions Leisure Consultants (www.justolutiononline.co.uk)

The review and options appraisal will take into account:

- Previous community consultations, surveys, strategic and facilities reviews;
- Any relevant 'residual plans' which cover management reviews/options and facility rationalisation and improvement;
- Education provision, plans and future needs – including 21st century Schools and School transformation plans;
- Health and well-being policies and other important agendas such as in economic regeneration;
- Future development plans (including new commercial or residential plans) and the aspirations of the Council, key partners and other providers;
- The relevance and potential future contribution and role of other sport and leisure providers including the voluntary sports sector and private health and fitness clubs, as well as other significant community facilities such as town halls, youth and community centres.

The schedule will embrace desk work; consultative, facilitated interviews undertaken with a sample of stakeholders, partners and operators and a number of site visits.

The review will address the sufficiency, suitability and appropriateness of the public leisure provision, as well as relevant school and other sport, recreation and physical activity facilities, whilst identifying opportunities, issues and challenges.

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It will analyse: provision; levels of use; current and future needs; issues and the need for change; ideas, proposals and options; potential to maximise opportunities.

Gwynedd Council also wishes the review to explore and appraise available management options, the primary purpose being to continue delivering a public leisure offer whilst ensuring best value and securing efficiencies.

The review will identify and evaluate all suitable management options having examined all aspects of the Leisure Service as an integral part of the review approach. It will provide an in depth analysis of the financial and operational implications of each option as they specifically apply to Gwynedd Council.

Timescales

The review will be undertaken by area:

1. Meirionnydd Area Review Jan/Feb
2. Dwyfor Area Review Feb/March
3. Arfon Area Review Feb/March
4. Final Conclusions and County Perspective
5. Final Report April/May 2013

If you are contacted to be involved in this important piece of work, I would be grateful if you would give of your time – your involvement is unlikely to require more than an hour.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ian Jones

14th January 2013