

# HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## ACTIVE LEISURE FORUM

### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 Promoting healthy lifestyle choices is a key objective of the District Council's corporate plan 'Growing Success' and improving access to leisure opportunities and co-ordinating access to such activities are priorities in the Huntingdonshire Sustainable Community Strategy.
- 1.2 The aim of the Forum is to provide opportunities for debate and community engagement in the Council's delivery of active leisure provision in Huntingdonshire, currently primarily focused in the leisure centres at Huntingdon, Ramsey, Sawtry, St Neots and St Ives. The Forum will enable the views of users and the wider community to be expressed and provide a vehicle for the dissemination of information on leisure facility development in the District.

### 2. Membership

- 2.1 The Executive Councillor for Leisure (or equivalent)

One Huntingdonshire district councillor (who shall be referred to as the Lead Member or Advocate) and a substitute Member from a ward in the nominal catchment area of each Leisure Centre as follows –

<i>Leisure Centre</i>	<i>Catchment Area (District Wards)</i>
Huntingdon	Brampton, Buckden, Ellington, Godmanchester, Huntingdon East, Huntingdon West, Huntingdon North.
Ramsey	Ramsey, Somersham, Upwood & The Raveleys, Warboys & Bury.
Sawtry	Alconbury & The Stukeleys, Elton & Folksworth, Sawtry, Stilton, Yaxley & Farcet.
St Ives	Earith, Fenstanton, The Hemingfords, St Ives West, St Ives South, St Ives East.
St Neots	Gransden & The Offords, Kimbolton & Staughton, Little Paxton, St Neots Eaton Ford, St Neots Eaton Socon, St Neots Eynesbury and St Neots Priory Park.

One Cambridgeshire county councillor from an electoral division in Huntingdonshire

One governor from each of St Peter's School Huntingdon, Abbey College Ramsey, Sawtry Community College, St Ivo Secondary School and St Neots Community College.

Such other representatives, either permanently or on ad hoc basis as the Forum shall determine from time to time.

### **3. Role of the Forum**

- 3.1 The intention of the Forum is to provide an opportunity for Members and others to represent the views of their communities in promoting access and usage of leisure facilities in the pursuit of a healthy and active population. The Forum has no executive decision making powers but can advise facility providers and policy makers on -

the priorities and their achievement relating to active leisure in the Huntingdonshire Sustainable Communities Strategy,  
the monitoring of achievement against performance targets of the Leisure Centres and other facilities, and  
the development of new initiatives to maximise attendances and income levels and promote diversity.

### **4. Member Advocate**

- 4.1 The role of the Member Advocate is to –

provide advice and guidance to the Leisure Centre Manager in the catchment area he/she represents,  
act as the spokesperson at Member level for that Centre,  
represent the views of the users of that Centre and the wider community at meetings of the Forum and elsewhere,  
promote active leisure and encourage community participation in the catchment area,  
assist and advise the Executive Councillor for Leisure on performance management and the needs of the catchment area, and  
represent the Centre in discussions with the County Council/relevant Governing Body concerning management of the Centre.

### **5. Meetings**

- 5.1 The frequency of meetings shall be at the discretion of the Forum, subject to a minimum of twice per annum. Meetings shall be informal and not open to the public. They will be convened by the District Council. Notification shall be sent to Forum members no less than 5 days prior to each meeting who shall be entitled to include items on the agenda by giving notice to the District Council 7 days prior to that meeting.