COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (COMMUNITIES AND CUSTOMERS) – 1st March 2016

ONE LEISURE SIX MONTH UPDATE

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Communities and Customers) was presented the One Leisure Six Month Update. Members were informed that One Leisure has an operating surplus of £350k and that all the centres are near a cost neutral position.

Comments were raised in relation to the need for increased capacity of the leisure centres however the Panel was advised that the leisure centres have enough capacity that capacity does not have to increase in order to grow.

The Panel raised concern that Huntingdon Leisure Centre is losing customers however Members were informed that the site would be refurbished and expanded in the hope of attracting and retaining customers. The Panel noted that the Huntingdon Leisure Centre remains profitable, that Ramsey Leisure Centre is near a breakeven point and that all the Centres are near a cost neutral position.

A Member commented upon the location of the chocolate vending machines at the leisure centres however Members were informed that the machines cover their costs and that there are healthy options available.