

Review of Sport, Leisure and Recreation Briefing Meeting 10/12/13

Main Points from the Meeting

- The meeting took place in Elgin Academy, attended by around 50 representatives of community organisations and user groups. It was chaired by Cllr Anne Skene with Nick Goodchild and Kim Paterson of Moray Council in attendance.
- Although Leisure and Recreation has been identified as an area where savings could be made it was made clear that this was not the purpose of the review but it was recognised that the L&R budget must be spent as wisely as possible. The review is being run in tandem with the School Estate review and it is hoped both will be completed by March 2014.
- A wide ranging information gathering exercise is to take place in order to inform the discussion. There will be opportunities for commenting at every stage. It will be a strategic review and will encompass non-council facilities eg Moray Leisure Centre, village halls etc.
- It is recognised that there will be a tension between paying for facilities that we have only one of, eg ice-rink or Elgin Town Hall as a performance space, and facilities that are close to communities and used on an ongoing basis.
- There were several pleas made for individual facilities eg ice-rink, swimming pools etc. Some concern was expressed that the loudest voices would prevail.
- The review team can be contacted at futureleisure@moray.gov.uk, there is a dedicated page on the Moray Council website and an online survey from January 6th.

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