

MEMBER'S WRITTEN QUESTION



Member submitting the question Mark Coker
Date received by Chief Exec's Business Support: ChiefExecutiveBusinessSupportUnit@plymouth.gov.uk
To the Cabinet Member for: Sport and Leisure
Question: How are the council going to engage with the local community in Devonport to promote the use of the Brickfields Sports Hub?
<p>Answer:</p> <p>Now that Plymouth Active Leisure Ltd (a Plymouth City Council owned company) have taken over the delivery of leisure services, we are keen to further the strategic aims of the Council to increase physical activity levels, for the physical and mental health benefits that can bring.</p> <p>Our immediate focus over the last few months has had to be on the take over and delivery of the services. Through this, Plymouth Active Leisure now has a website and app up and running and we have also increased our social media presence. They have also spent a lot of time ensuring that all the transferring staff received an appropriate induction and training programme and embedding all the operating systems and procedures.</p> <p>There have been a number of possibilities raised over the last few years around Brickfields, and how it could be developed to deliver more of the health and wellbeing benefits to the local community that we would all like to see. This has included opening up access to the site itself, linking with adjoining green spaces and walkways, as well as increased utilisation of the site. We recently held a meeting with stakeholders to consider some of the possibilities for improving wellbeing through the site. This included a range of VCSE working in the area, POP, and providers of our wellbeing services, and officers are pulling together the opportunities that came to light.</p> <p>We aim to widen that engagement shortly to include community representatives such as local Councillors as well as communities.</p> <p>For your information, the Sports Development Unit will be working closely with Plymouth Active Leisure to support community programmes. As a result, they have already developed an inclusive cycling hub with adapted bikes on the Brickfields site and are working in partnership with Argyle Community Trust to deliver some youth inspiring programmes on site.</p>

Signed:

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Date: 14 June 2022

Written questions:

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