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Dear Councillor

SOUTH HAMS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL - THURSDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 2021

I refer to the agenda for the above meeting and attach papers in connection with the following item(s).

Agenda No Item

9. Leisure Contract - Fusion Annual Report 2020 (Pages 1 - 16)

Yours sincerely

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Fusion Annual Review Presentation

South Hams District Council

Period: January - December 2020

DATE - February/March 2021

Agenda

- Overview
- March 2020 July 2020; Lockdown 1
 - Re-Mobilisation & Recovery
 - COVID-19 Secure Facilities
- November 2020
 - Lockdown & Remobilisation 2
- January 2021
 - Lockdown 3
- Staffing Overview
- Performance Overview
- Moving Forwards

Overview

- April September 2020:
 - Discussions with Council regarding impact of COVID-19 on SH/WD centres
 - The ongoing maintenance and asset protection of centres
 - Short term financial package for reopening of leisure facilities within the contract
 - All actions captured in exchange of formal letters
- October 2020 March 2021
 - Further negotiation took place regarding the long-term sustainability of the leisure centres and financial package required to protect leisure provision for local communities
 - All agreements captured within a formal Contract Variation
 - Both organisations worked in partnership to submit Sport England Relief Funding application in January 2021

March - July: Lockdown 1

Lockdown 1:

- All Centres closed from 20th March 2020
- Hard Closure / Mothballing of sites
- 1 x Weekly Monitoring Visits per site
- Online Bookings including additional support for 'non-online customers'
- Reviewed capacity lead classes & programmes
- 1-way systems established
- Hand sanitisation stations introduced
- High touch point cleaning
- Mandatory requirement to wear face coverings in public areas

Re-Mobilisation & Recovery

- Dartmouth Leisure Centre:
 - 14th October Health & Fitness & Aquatics
 - 21st October Swim School
- Ivybridge Leisure Centre:
 - 3rd August Health & Fitness & Aquatics
 - 21st September Swim School
- Quayside Leisure Centre:
 - 10th August Health & Fitness
 - 12th October Aquatics
 - 21st October Swim School
- Totnes Leisure Centre:
 - 1st September Health & Fitness & Aquatics
 - 21st September Swim School

COVID-19-19 Secure Facilities

- New COVID-19 procedures and training:
 - Risk Assessments
 - High Touch cleaning checks
 - Equipment cleaning checks
 - All staff have completed a return-to-work COVID-19-19 online course
 - In addition, staff completed working during COVID-19-19 which is an CIMSPA accredited course
 - All operational staff have completed a site induction training

Quarterly Review

November Lockdown

- All Centres closed from 5th November:
 - Soft Closure
 - Weekly Monitoring Visits
- Customer Communication:
 - Emails all members
 - Website
 - Fusion App Push Notifications
 - Social Media
 - Dedicated customer service team in place 7 days per week
 - All customer communications responded to within 24hrs
- Flexible plans established for a Tiered approach
 - Full review of our COVID-19 secure measures has taken place

Quarterly ReviewJanuary 2021 Lockdown

January Lockdown:

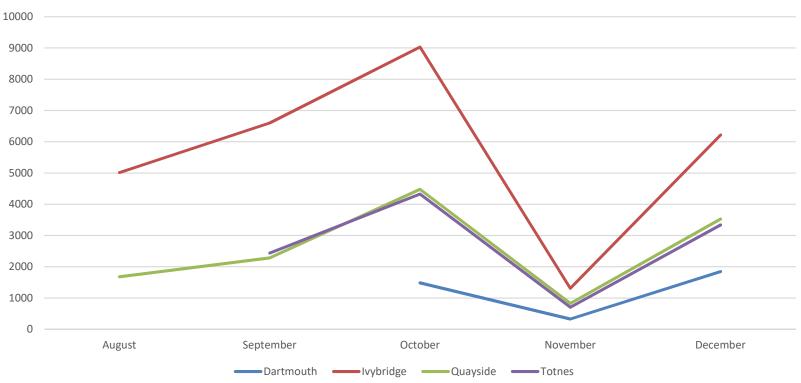
- Procedures followed from March lockdown (hard closure)
- All centre management and front-line staff furloughed within a short period of closure to public
- Detailed demobilisation plans completed for each centre
- Comprehensive customer communications plans shared with client and customers alike
- Continuation of online Group Exercise offering via Fusion At Home and Les Mills on Demand
- Continuation of 7 days per week customer contact centre

Staffing

- Staff Consultation Overview:
 - Pre COVID-19 permanent head count 150
 - Current permanent staff head count 129
 - 120 positions retained
 - 37 positions made redundant
 - Includes individuals who have dual roles*
 - Key areas: Catering staff (15), Team Leader (11)
 - Position changes effective from 1st November
 - Retained as many people as possible through this process and find alternative roles
- * a dual position is a person that holds more that one post

Participation – South Hams



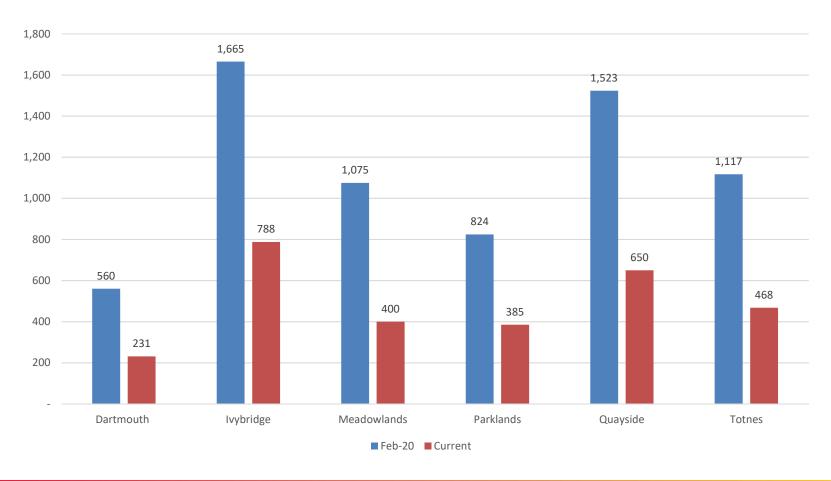


Financial Performance

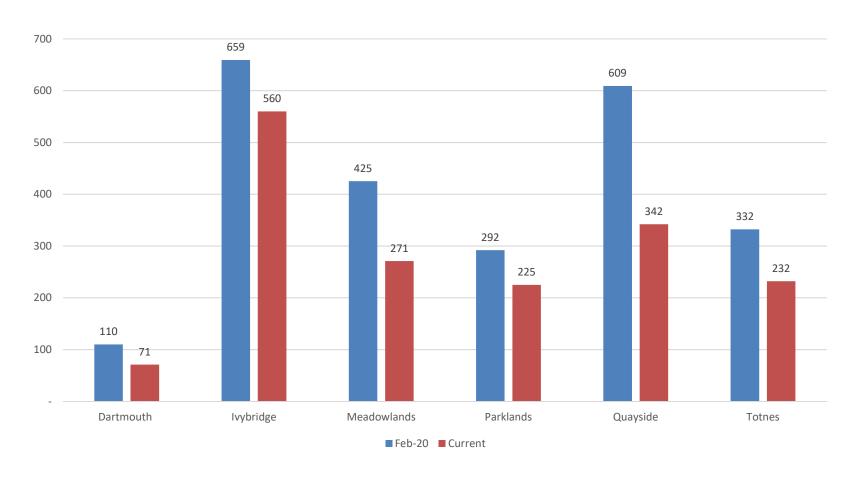
Financial Projections:

- April 2020 March 2021 financial projections were built upon research undertaken by UK Active
- Projections were based upon participation in August 2020 at 40% of 2019 figures, and recovering to 80% by March 2021
- Financial support provided by both Councils was split into two phases:
 - 1. April 2020 September 2020: Short term funding to support mothball of facilities, asset protection and re-opening costs
 - 2. October 2020 March 2021: Longer term funding geared around keeping the facilities open for the local communities whilst making them financially sustainable
- The projections only focussed on the recovery from Lockdown 1 (April July 2020) and didn't factor in any impact from Lockdown 2 (November 2020) or Lockdown 3 (January 2021)
- The projections included a full corporate review of centre and head office staff and operating costs to ensure business sustainability
- Client accounts to December 2020 on financial performance, for South Hams this shows a small loss of £13k

Membership Information



Swim School Information



Moving Forwards

- Operational measures similar to lockdown 1 & 2 to be reintroduced when Lockdown 3 ends:
 - Reopening Leisure Centres in a tiered approach
 - Expecting to continue to operate under capacity restrictions
 - COVID-19 secure facilities to remain in place
 - Customer and client communications to be consistence and regular
 - Continuation of online Group Exercise offer
- Flexible plans established for a Tiered approach
 - Full review of our COVID-19 secure measures has taken place

Moving Forwards

- CLBIL's loan confirmed
 - Provides short and long term security
 - £13m funding for recovery from Lockdown 1
- National Leisure Recovery Funding Application to Sport England submitted. This amounted to:
 - South Hams: £160,000 (December 2020 March 2021)
 - West Devon: £80,000 (December 2020 March 2021)
 - Total: £240,000
- Financial Projections currently being established for April 2021 – March 2022 for business operations
- Pricing Review to be submitted from April 2021 onwards



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