

<b>Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b> <b>Item 5 – Hackney Leisure Services and Facilities</b>	Item No <b>5</b>
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### **Outline**

Engagement in culture and leisure activity delivered or funded by local authorities provide many with access to leisure facilities particularly during the pandemic. Besides playing a vital role in supporting better outcomes in health, education, community cohesion and equalities, culture and the creative industries, leisure services contribute £10.8 billion to the UK economy each year and were among the fastest growing sectors in 2019. <sup>1</sup>

### **Discussion**

The scrutiny commission wanted to review the Council's leisure services offers, costs and the concessions available. Anecdotal evidence from Kings Park Ward in the borough revealed many residents had never been in a leisure centre and couldn't foresee any circumstances where they would attend to exercise.

The scrutiny commission decided to explore the council's leisure facilities and services in the borough open to the public and hear about service development plans.

The planned session will cover:

1. Information about the costs and access to leisure services. There are different prices for different facilities in the borough the commission would like to know why.
2. Information about the concessions available, how this is promoted to local residents and how residents find out about the services on offer and concessions available?
3. How are the leisure services on offer promoted by GLL and the council and do you both work with public health?
4. Why no cash is taken at leisure centres
5. Membership fees for older people
6. GLL website not being Hackney specific
7. All booking being made online only.

### **Report in the agenda**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/leisure-under-lockdown-how-culture-and-leisure-services-responded-covid-19-full-report>

To support this discussion the following reports are included for background information.

- Hackney Leisure Services

**Invited Attendees**

**London Borough of Hackney**

- Cllr Kennedy, Health, adult social care, voluntary sector and leisure
- Ian Holland, Head of Leisure, Parks and Green Spaces

**Greenwich Leisure Ltd (GLL)**

- Katie Foulger - Partnership Manager, Hackney
- Paul Lister - Head of Service – London.

**Action**

Members are asked to consider the report and ask questions.