

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Leisure Facilities Cabinet Sub-Committee

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**Date of meeting:** 17 June 2009  
**Report of:** Head of Health and Wellbeing  
**Title:** Strategic Commissioning Events Feedback

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### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To inform Members of the very latest independent thinking and conclusions around Strategic Commissioning within Leisure and Culture. The Appendix outlines what Strategic Commissioning means for local authorities, leisure operators and Third Sector operators.

### **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

### **3.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs**

- 3.1 None

### **4.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond**

- 4.1 None

### **5.0 Legal Implications**

- 5.1 None

### **6.0 Risk Assessment**

- 6.1 None

### **7.0 Background/Context**

- 7.1 The information in the Appendix is the summary from four national events staged by IDeA in Birmingham, Ipswich, Rochdale (SPORTA) and London. The Service Development Manager attended the Rochdale event.
- 7.2 A contract for an Options Appraisal will be awarded shortly. There are important conclusions in the Appendix which the consultant will be expected to incorporate into the evaluation of the various management models as we move into a Strategic Commissioning environment.

- 7.3 Levels of understanding about strategic commissioning, needs-led evaluations, the data required, the language used, the role of leisure operators and the potential opportunities for the Third Sector are generally low. This paper attempts to increase understanding.

## **8.0 Reasons for Recommendation**

- 8.1 To further develop understanding and outline a part of the evaluation which consultants will make when the options appraisal report is presented in the Autumn.

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