

Facility and services managed by the Culture and Sport division

1. Facilities and services directly managed by the Culture and Sport division

It is proposed that all of the following facilities and services will transfer to the Trust:

Leisure centres – Becontree Heath Leisure Centre; Abbey Sports Centre (to be replaced by the new Abbey Leisure Centre in 2015).

Athletics arena - Jim Peters' stadium in Mayesbrook Park.

Barking Splash Park – outdoor wet play facility for children located in the former lido in Barking Park.

Libraries – managed by the Council: Barking Learning Centre; Dagenham Library; Valence Library; and Thames View Library.

Libraries – community management arrangements: Chadwell Heath Community Centre (incorporating the former Robert Jeyes Library) – a wholly community managed library with a volunteer led library service with support from LBBD; Marks Gate Library – a volunteer led service in a building managed directly by LBBD.

Libraries - School Library Service – provision of text books to support curriculum delivery in schools.

Heritage - Valence House Museum, accredited local history museum with local, regional and nationally significant collections providing a high quality and comprehensive events and learning programme for school groups and the wider community.

Heritage - Archives and Local Studies Centre (part of the Valence House Museum complex).

Heritage - Eastbury Manor House, Grade 1 listed historic houses and gardens, providing school group visits, outreach, exhibitions, community events and activities, café, meeting spaces for community and commercial functions.

Managing Agent – the division also manages a portfolio of property leases including those for: the SportHouse; Barking Football Club and Academy of Dreams (from spring 2015); Eastbrook May and Baker Sports Club; Chadwell Heath Community Centre (incorporating the former Robert Jeyes Library; and seven community halls in community management arrangements.

2, Commissioned services

It is also proposed that the services set out below will transfer to the Trust; however, as these are commissioned services. It will be a matter for the Council to decide on the scope and funding to be provided, which may change over time due to emerging priorities or changes to Government funding.

Healthy Lifestyles– a varied programme of health interventions including: smoking cessation; child weight management; Active Age (over 60s); exercise on referral; disability sport; community games; women in sport; and learn to swim (mostly public health or externally funded).

Active Age Centres – Park Active Age Centre in Dagenham is a dedicated base for older people’s activity programmes. Active Age Centre programmes are also delivered at various locations across the Borough.

3. Services that will not transfer to the Trust

It is proposed that the following services will not transfer to the Trust due to decisions made in the 2015/16 budget round, because they are time limited activities or for other reasons.

Broadway theatre - the Borough’s only dedicated performing arts venue providing a popular professional performance programme; participation and education programmes; home to Barking and Dagenham College’s school of performing arts and technical theatre; and a venue to showcase the talents of local community arts organisations.

Community halls - three community halls in direct council management and control: Galleon Hall, Scrattons Community Centre and Fanshawe Hall. A new community hall (Hedgecock Community Centre) is currently being built as part of a section 106 agreement in Longbridge ward.

Volunteer management - co-ordination. management and development of volunteering activities across the Adult and Community Services department.

Libraries - Home Library Service providing books and other support to housebound residents. This service will only continue if an alternative delivery arrangement can be introduced, which may be managed by the Trust.

Events – the division is co-ordinating the delivery of the events programme to celebrate the Borough’s 50th anniversary celebrations during 2015.

Armed Forces Covenant – the Culture and Sport division leads on the implementation of the Covenant for the Council.