

## IPSC Chair's Briefing: for OSMB meeting on 8 April 2026

### Items covered since the last update meeting:

At the IPSC meeting on 10 March 2026 the following items were considered –

- 1) **Events Review 2025-26** – Members received an update from the Events team, and a representative from partner agency Flux, on the programme of borough-wide events that had taken place over the last year, including the range of events that ran throughout the Children's Capital of Culture year.

Members congratulated service on delivering a wide range of successful events and on ambitions for the year ahead. Members provided feedback that improvements could be made in the future with regard to increased community engagement and better communication to publicise events.

- 2) **Draft Playing Pitch Strategy** – this item provided Members with the opportunity to carry out some pre-decision scrutiny prior to presentation of the strategy to Cabinet in April. Members welcomed the thorough review of playing pitch facilities across the borough and the opportunities for improvement. Members were particularly impressed by the innovative portfolio work being carried out by the Sports Team with the Football Foundation with relation to 3G football pitches.

Members endorsed the Draft Playing Pitch Strategy to go forward to Cabinet for approval. Members also requested that service return to IPSC once the strategy was underway to provide an update on the work done with sporting governing bodies, partners and organisations to ensure that access to pitches is inclusive across the borough and that appropriate community use agreements are in place.

### Work Programme Updates

- **Draft Neighbourhood Leadership Strategy Workshop** – Members will be invited to take part in a workshop on the Draft Neighbourhood Leadership Strategy at the end of April. This will allow Members the opportunity to get involved in co-production of this Strategy .
- **The Waterfront @ Rother Valley Country Park Site Visit** – an opportunity arose for IPSC Members to visit the new Waterfront Café & Centre at Rother Valley Country Park at the end of March, prior to official opening to the public in April. Members who attended this visit will report back to IPSC at its next meeting.

### Items to be discussed at the next meeting:

At the next meeting of IPSC on 21 April 2026 Members are due to scrutinise the following items:-

- **Allotments Annual Update;** and
- **Update on Pride in Place.**