

Leisure Services

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Service description

The directorate also provides a wide range of leisure and sports development opportunities and also manages 12 kilometres of seafront and at present this service is directly managed by the Director of Environment. The service has recently completed and published the City's sports strategy and this strategy will guide the development of the service and its delivery for the next 10 years.

Service teams

Sports & Leisure Projects

Development Manager – Sports & Leisure Projects : Jayne Babb Tel : (29) 2730

The Council's Sports Development team develops and supports sporting activity for all ages, and abilities throughout Brighton and Hove. In doing this its role is to develop a strong sporting profile across the City, provide up to date information on sports and leisure opportunities for residents, increase participation levels, provide training opportunities to support local people and funding, promotional and club management advice to local sports clubs and activity groups.

The team also create and build partnerships to ensure the future of sport and active living, improve and develop sport and leisure facilities including outdoor playing pitches and pavilions, provide sports

The team also work in partnership with the City's Primary Care Trust to deliver the Mend programme (a free sports activity and nutrition programme for children, young people and their families) and promote the City Heathwalks programme and with the School Sports Partnership to meet their aims of providing sports provision for children and young people..

Much of the services work is detailed in the councils recently published Sports Strategy – a copy of which is available from the team

In addition this service team provides the following services :

Seafront services - our aim is to provide a safe and friendly environment for residents and the millions of visitors that visit the city each year. The seafront team work 365 day per year to ensure that our beaches and foreshore are safe for public use. From May to September 26 lifeguards are employed to assist the core team of seafront officers in managing the 13 kilometres of coastline during this very busy period, which involves enforcing beach bylaws, finding lost children, working with seafront traders, liaising with the coastguard and the police as well as dealing with general day to day running of the seafront.

ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE

The *Volks Railway* is the oldest running eclectic railway in the country; it is located on Madeira Drive and runs from the Aquarium Station to Black Rock. The railway opens at Easter and continues until the middle of September and is very popular with tourists and visitors to the city attracting thousands of passengers each year. The railway is run by a small team of dedicated council staff who keep the carriages running throughout the season and who then carry out essential maintenance, repairs and restoration of the track in the winter months.

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Leisure Service Manager : Ian Shurrock

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The Leisure services team is responsible for monitoring the Leisure Management Contract and develops in partnership with DC Leisure which includes the following facilities : Moulsecoomb Community Leisure Centre, Paddling pools at Saunders Park, The Level and Seafront, Prince Regent Swimming Complex, Stanley Deason Sports Centre, St Lukes Swimming Pool and the Withead Sports Complex.

In addition the team is responsible for the direct provision of the following facilities : Hollingbury Park Golf Course (in partnership with Hollingbury Park Golf Club), Hove Lagoon Paddling Pool, King Alfred Leisure Centre, Kingsway Multiplex, Manor Road Gym (in partnership with Manor Road Gym Ltd) and Waterhall Golf Course (in partnership with Waterhall Golf Club)

Event Services

Events Manager : Ian Taylor

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The Events Team is responsible for any outdoor events taking place throughout the City's seafront, parks and open spaces. Communicating with event organisers, promoters, sponsors, local groups, charities and the general public the office deals with events from initial enquiry through to operational management on the day. The team acts as a link for event organisers to colleagues throughout many other council departments - traffic, parks, environmental health, licensing, cleansing etc. With the advent of the new licensing laws the Events Officers act as licencees (on behalf of the Council) for all events taking place on Council land. There were over three hundred outdoor events in 2006 ranging in scale from playgroups in the park for ten people through to Pride - which attracted 120,000 partygoers.

In addition the team also provides the same service for any filming taking place throughout the City (there were over 200 pieces of filming across the City in 2006) and is responsible for all the booking and placement of all the Council's outdoor advertising - posters, lamp post banners etc.