

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SPECIAL)

23rd March 2009

PRESENT:-

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Conservative Group

Councillor Lemmon (Vice-Chairman) and Councillor Mrs. Patten.

Labour Group

Councillor Mrs. Lane (substitute for Councillor Pabla).

Independent Member

Councillor Mrs. Brown.

Officers

M. Alflat (Director of Community Services), S. Batchelor (Head of Leisure and Community Development), C. Mason (Leisure Services Manager), and D. Townsend (Democratic Services).

Representatives of Etwall John Port School

Governor

B. Whyman, M.B.E. (Chairman).

Officer

P. Kennerdell.

Representatives of Derbyshire County Council

Councillors Bambrick and Hood.

Community Group Representatives

Mrs. K. Bussell and Mrs. A. Wedgbury.

EL/27. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Pabla and Shepherd (South Derbyshire District Council), and C. Clemens (Governor of Etwall John Port School).

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EL/28. **STRATEGIC DIRECTION OF THE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

At the previous Meeting of the Joint Management Committee (JMC) held on 26th January 2009, Members had considered a report on it's strategic direction when the new facilities were operational. The significant area where a conclusion was not reached at the last Meeting, concerned the commitment, by January 2010, to undertake an appraisal of the options available for the future management of the new facility and the ongoing administrative support to the JMC. Further discussion between Officers of the District Council and the School, had confirmed that this was essentially about identifying the most cost effective way to deliver the strategic objectives of the JMC on a long-term basis.

A number of options existed to manage the leisure facilities, and these were outlined within the report.

RESOLVED:-

That significant reviews be undertaken, by not later than January 2010, of the options available for the future management of the new facility and the ongoing administrative support provided to the JMC.

EL/29. **NAMING THE NEW CENTRE**

A report was submitted reminding Members that at the previous Meeting of the JMC, it was resolved that Members of the JMC, following consultation with local residents, would provide suggestions for the new name of the Leisure Centre to the Leisure Services Manager, who would provide a further report to a Special Meeting. It was agreed that Members of the JMC would then complete an elimination vote, to identify the preferred name. Further names were suggested, and were included within the report.

It was requested that, as the School was not fully represented, and that, as certain Members had not managed to carry out further consultation, this item be deferred.

It was pointed out that other Members of the JMC had managed to consult within their areas and that this matter should be decided, in order for the marketing of the Leisure Centre to be progressed.

RESOLVED:-

That this item be deferred to allow for further consultation to take place. The process will remain as per Minute No. EL/22 (Etwall Leisure Centre Joint Management Committee, 26th January 2009), and the names to be brought forward will include the Barrie Whyman Leisure Centre, Dove Valley Leisure Centre, Etwall Leisure Centre, Trackside Leisure Centre and Hilton Road Leisure Centre.

(At this point, at 5.20 p.m. Councillor Mrs. Patten, Mrs. Wedgbury and Mrs. Bussell left the Meeting).

EL/30. **HEALTH AND FITNESS PROVISIONS – NEW LEISURE CENTRE FACILITIES**

A report was submitted giving further information on the recruitment of the Health and Fitness Manager and Health and Fitness Supervisor, and it was requested that Members note the appointment of Technogym to provide health and fitness equipment.

The District Council had engaged a specialist consultant to advise on a number of issues, which included realistic income generation, targets for the facility and market rated salaries for staff employed in the facility. The consultant was also engaged to assist in the procurement of health and fitness equipment at the site. Further details were given on the options available for equipping and staffing the fitness element of the health and fitness suite, including franchising out this element of provision. However, it was recommended that to maximise the return from the facility, staff be employed directly.

Further details were given on salary scales of both the Fitness Manager and Supervisor, and a table was included showing the net impact on budget estimates, of revisions made following the consultant's report.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the recruitment of a Health and Fitness Manager and Health and Fitness Supervisor on the salary grades identified in the report be approved.***
- (2) That the appointment of Technogym to provide health and fitness equipment at the new facility be noted.***

EL/31. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**

RESOLVED:-

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.

STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS – NEW LEISURE FACILITIES (Paragraph 4)

An update was given detailing the staffing structure for the new leisure centre.

B. WHYMAN, M.B.E.

CHAIRMAN