
REPORT TO:	OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 6
DATE OF MEETING:	12TH MAY 2010	CATEGORY: DELEGATED OPEN
REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	
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SUBJECT:	ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE - COMMUNITY USE	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ETWALL, HATTON, NORTH WEST PARISHES, WILLINGTON & HILTON	TERMS OF REFERENCE: NA

1.0 Reason for Exempt

1.1 N/A

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report.

3.0 Purpose of Report

3.1 The report updates the Committee on the performance of the Leisure Centre since the last report in December 2009.

4.0 Detail

4.1 The new facility opened to the public on 5th August 2009. As Members will be aware the facility is joint use, with the School occupying the building of a day during term time and the community having access of an evening, at weekends and during school holidays. While there is access to the health & fitness suite throughout the School day the requirements of the School and issues around child protection mean that public access to the swimming pool of a School day is limited to early morning & lunchtime swimming.

4.2 At the start of the year a customer survey was performed where customers were given the opportunity to complete a questionnaire on the experience of the centre. The results of the 280+ questionnaire return will be presented at this meeting.

4.3 In terms of the use of the Centre the figures below identify the various categories of activity and the total number of participations for the last two quarters.

	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>
<u>Community use</u>		
Sports Hall	6155	8082
Squash Courts	1170	1534
Jog Derbyshire	86	118
Tennis	81	63
Total Swims	20159	21995
Swim Lessons	5688	6395
Gym/Studio	4026	4051
Total Qtr' Usage (plus education)	31677 (75,374)	35843 (83327)

Total usage since opening on 5th Aug 2009 - 188,820 (inc education)

- 4.4 The catering contract has been awarded to JRhivee Catering Limited. This is based on a 4-year profit share contract commencing April 2010.

Community

- 4.5 In terms of membership the current numbers are: Fitness Plus 531 - Leisure Card 1,635 - Swim Only (Adults) 197 -Free Swim Cards 2245. This compares with the previous Centres level of approximately 120 members.
- 4.6 There are still issues with daytime changing as the school have use of the changing rooms and the recent Survey carried out after 6 months of operation identified cleaning issues. The floor on the first bay of the village changing rooms is the biggest challenge together with the flat perspex covering over the cubicles. Changing rooms for field sports are used only by JPS and are very difficult to keep clean.
- 4.7 There have been a number of notable achievements the most notable being the Swimathon 2010 event held between 16 - 18th April. The Centre ranked 1st in the Midlands and 10th in the Country.
- 4.8 In February the Minister for Sport, Gerry Sutcliffe MP visited the Centre to see the results of partnership working in sport and in April the Fitness Suite was awarded the Inclusive Fitness Mark at Provisional Level, recognising our commitment to improving customer service and access for disabled people

Programming

- 4.9 There are now have two Aquarobic classes running at full capacity of 60 per week. In terms of the badminton element there are 35-40 children taking part in badminton clubs during school hours and another 30-40 different children attending after school badminton clubs. There are evening classes for adults on Monday, 7 pm and 8.30 pm which are proving popular as casual pay and play sessions. Due to this popularity, they will be extended to include a Friday evening also. The Community Junior Club play 5-7pm on Mondays. The County Squad train 7-8.30pm on Mondays and badminton players from over 50 miles away are travelling to the Centre such is its importance as a suitable training venue. There have also been school badminton festival and competitions. In the Summer there was a 3-day badminton camp, where some youngsters gained Junior Badminton Helper Awards. Future development from April onwards will include, family badminton and swim session on Sunday mornings. The Centre has hosted coach education courses, e.g. First Aid, Safe Guarding and Protecting Children, Equity training. There has been a Mini club event with the swimming club, squash club and triathlon club advertising services to community. A new initiative called Jog Derbyshire has delivered evening beginners and advanced group for Jogging and walking.
- 4.10 The Young Peoples Community Sports Coach (CSC) has been working with a local football club- Hilton Harriers to offer a disability football session, and cricket coaching sessions. with dance sessions planned to start after Easter. The CSC has also organised and run a Junior Sports Leaders award at the centre, training up young leaders, many of whom are now supporting after school clubs and community clubs at the centre. The School Sports Partnership have set up in conjunction with the school many after school clubs including badminton, netball, basketball. The Club Development Officer has set up a Back to Netball Club which started in April and had 53 women aged 16+ attending.
- 4.11 The Adults Community Sports Coach has initiated and started a New to Exercise scheme that runs out of the centre, which in its short time has already increased the amount of referrals into the scheme, from the outreach sessions and we believe this is down to it being based out of a leisure centre setting, rather than a community hall. He also has plans to start a Nordic walking session from the centre starting in May.

- 4.12 The Healthy Lifestyle Officer is co-ordinating a Healthier South Derbyshire Event which will coincide with the year anniversary of the centre being open. This will be an opportunity to the local communities to the centre to come and look around, partake in taster session, and gain general health advice such as stop smoking services and weight management services. We are working with leisure centre staff, and members from local community groups to bring this event to fruition.
- 4.13 Further coach education courses are planned and we have encouraged Badminton England to host and run a Level 1 coaches course in September at the centre.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 At the last meeting the Committee were informed that the budget was projected to overspend by £100,000. The outturn is expected to be closer to the original budget and represents a tremendous effort by the Centre to increase income levels and control costs. A full year-end figure will be available at the meeting.
- 5.2 A review on the key operational systems is currently being undertaken on the initial workings of the new Centre and this will be reported to Audit Sub Committee.

6.0 Corporate Implications

- 6.1 For a long time the delivery of a new leisure centre to cater for the northwest parishes of the District has been a strategic objective of the Council. In the current Corporate Plan under Theme 3, Lifestyle Choices, the launching of the new centre is identified as one of the priorities under the 'Promoting Healthy Facilities and Lifestyles' heading. Delivering the Council's commitment to free swimming for the over 60's and under 18's is also identified under this heading and Etwall, along with the Green Bank Leisure Centre, are the venues where this important commitment will be delivered.

7.0 Community Implications

- 7.1 In addition to the above the JMC have agreed to the principle of the new centre being used as a 'hub' for the delivery of a wide range of sport and health initiatives. This will make a significant contribution to the Healthy Communities theme of the Community Strategy for 'better access and opportunities for everyone to improve their health and well-being'.

8.0 Conclusions

- 8.1 NA

9.0 Background Papers

- 9.1 Minutes from a range of Meetings of the Etwall JMC