



Joint Management Committee

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Our Ref :

Date: 16th September 2016

Dear Councillor,

Etwall Leisure Centre Joint Management Committee

A Meeting of the **Etwall Leisure Centre Joint Management Committee** will be held in the Jubilee Room J1, **John Port School**, on **Monday, 26 September 2016 at 17:00**. You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary to the Joint Management Committee

To: **Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council**
Conservative Group

Councillor Mrs Plenderleith and Councillor Billings

Labour Group

Councillor Shepherd

Representatives of Governors of Etwall John Port School

Mr C Sainsbury

Representative of Derbyshire County Council

Councillor Mrs Lauro

AGENDA

Open to Public and Press

- 1** Appointment of Chairman
- 2** Appointment of Vice-Chairman
- 3** Apologies and to note any substitutes appointed for the Meeting.
- 4** To receive the Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th July 2016.

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- 5** To note any declarations of interest arising from any items on the Agenda
- 6** ACTIVE NATION PERFORMANCE REPORT (Verbal Report)
- 7** DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION **7 - 10**

Exclusion of the Public and Press:

- 8** The Chairman may therefore move:-

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 paragraph of Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in the header to each report on the Agenda.

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

11th July 2016

PRESENT:-

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Conservative Group

Councillor Mrs A Plenderleith (Chair) and Councillor A Billings

Labour Group

Councillor D Shepherd

Officers

S Batchelor (Director of Community & Planning Services), K Stackhouse (Director of Finance & Corporate Services), Mrs R Pabla and C Tyler (Democratic Services Officers)

Representatives of Etwall John Port School

Governing Body

C Sainsbury

Officer

G Golding

Representative of Derbyshire County Council

Councillor Mrs K Lauro

Representatives of Active Nation

J Dobson and M Learnihan

EL/46 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that no apologies had been received.

EL/47 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th April 2016 were noted, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

EL/48 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

EL/49 **ACTIVE NATION PERFORMANCE REPORT – VERBAL REPORT**

J Dobson presented the quarterly review (April to June 2016) of Etwall Leisure Centre, making particular reference to the following items;

Good News Stories

- 22nd May 2016: Badminton County Championships.
- 4th June 2016: National Circuit Badminton Tournament.
- 9th-10th July 2016: Discovery Weekend for new users of the Centre.
- New cycle hub opened – hoops & shelter.
- Soccer Stars half-term holiday camp: 50 children per day. To be repeated during the summer holidays.
- Multisport half term holiday camp: 30 children per day.
- Active Nutrition package launched, alongside current exercise packages.
- Sports Hall AHUS works completed.
- Tennis courts: New flood lights, posts & nets fitted.
- J Fest school charity event held.
- Badminton school event held.
- Social Media: Facebook, Twitter & Website – increased localised usage.
- Courses: FA Football Course Level 1, Football Youth Module & Safeguarding for Swim Teachers.
- Saturday Night Project: 60 children per weekend attended.
- Positive Net Promoter survey score: 38%.
- Apex Climbing centre opened at Green Bank.
- Cleanliness improvements throughout site: Ideal Cleaning Company.

The Chairman, in referring to the cycle hub, queried how many individuals cycled to the centre. Whilst this information was not available, it was agreed that it could be sourced for a future date.

Gym & Exercise Memberships

- April-June 2016: 1,898; Annual: 668; DD: 1,230.
- Average length of membership currently 9.5 months.

Swim Scheme

- Live count: 1,323 children on the current Learn to Swim Scheme.
- Ongoing use at Etwall Primary School Pre School.
- Additional primary school slots obtained.
- Swimming provision demand has continued to increase, largely due to the closure of Derby City facilities – an updated location of users map will be produced for a future meeting.

NPS (Net Promoter Score) Feedback

- Score 38: Detractors – 16.67%; Passives – 28.43% & Promoters – 54.90%. J Dobson explained that whilst the score of 38 appeared low, it was above the national average, the responses containing suggestions that can be considered in future plans.

Centre Usage Figures

- Usage figures continue to show an increase, up from a 26,662 per month average in 2011/12 to 34,140 in 2015/16.

M Learnihan also confirmed that Active Nation had proposed the Etwall Leisure Centre for the Medium Centre of the Year category of the UK Active Flame Awards.

RESOLVED:-

The Committee considered and noted the points made in the presentation.

EL/50 **FINAL ACCOUNTS 2015/16**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the report to the Committee, highlighting elements from its content, including Sinking Fund usage, a report on which will be brought to a future meeting. The Director of Community and Planning Services added that, in relation to the medium term out-turn and the AHU's expenditure, a sum of £10,000 will be reclaimed against the management contract budget.

RESOLVED:-

The Committee considered and approved the Final Accounts for 2015/2016 for Audit.

EL/51 **DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION**

The Director of Community and Planning Services outlined the issues to the Committee, namely the County Council's intention to withdraw their contribution of £32,000 from 2017/18. The Director confirmed that the County Council could withdraw from the partnership on serving 12 months notice. The Director and G Golding had met with the County Council and secure an extended period in which to consult on, then respond to the proposals.

Councillor Shepherd queried whether the County Council could be prevented from withdrawing its funding. The Director confirmed that this was not possible, that the JMC was seeking the best possible exit options, one being a phased parachute payments scheme. It was confirmed that if / when the County Council funding is withdrawn, it would fall on the remaining partners, South Derbyshire District Council and the John Port School, divided via the current 68/32 split.

In terms of generating increased usage and income, alternative uses were being reviewed. To this end, the Director had requested that Active Nation consider enhanced swimming / daytime opening sessions, currently reserved for school usage, but the income benefits were unknown at this time.

The Director undertook to share the final draft of the formal response to the County Council with the Committee District Council Members, the District Councillors for Etwall, County Councillor Mrs Lauro and the John Port School before it was issued.

RESOLVED:-

The Committee gave officers the authority to progress negotiations with Derbyshire County Council.

The meeting terminated at 5:35pm.

COUNCILLOR MRS A PLENDERLEITH

CHAIRMAN

REPORT TO:	ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 7
DATE OF MEETING:	26TH SEPTEMBER 2016	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & PLANNING SERVICES BUSINESS MANAGER, JOHN PORT SCHOOL	EXEMPT PARAGRAPH NO:
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	STUART BATCHELOR, EXT. 5820, batchelors@south-derbys.gov.uk GRAHAM GOLDING, gg@johnport.derbyshire.sch.uk	DOC:
SUBJECT:	DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION	REF: SB
WARD (S) AFFECTED:	ETWALL, HATTON, HILTON, WILLINGTON	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendation

1.1 To accept the DCC proposal for delaying the reduction in funding.

2.0 Purpose of the Report

2.1 To update Members on the proposal by Derbyshire County Council to reconsider their initial intention to reduce their financial contribution to the Etwall Leisure Centre Joint Management Committee from April 2017.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Members will recall that Derbyshire County Council had written to the Etwall JMC to notify that they intend to withdraw their contribution of £32,000 from 2017/18. The JMC rejected this proposal and a letter was sent to DCC asking them to reconsider the reduction and at the very least introduce it over an extended period.

3.2 The County Council has responded, a copy of the letter provided as Annexe No.1 and has proposed an amended funding reduction timetable. .

3.3 The DCC letter offers to phase the reduction over two years with 1/3rd of the reduction in April 2017, around £11,341 (based on 2015/16) and the balance withdrawn from April 2018.

3.4 This phasing will at least allow the JMC to prepare financially for the future reduction and give an opportunity for alternative income generation or cost reduction to be brought into place.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The loss of £11,341 in 2017/18 and the remaining contribution in 2018/19 would be a reduction in income to the Etwall Leisure Centre JMC budget and the shortfall would have to be absorbed by the District Council and John Port School.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The reduced reduction in County Council funding will still result in adverse financial implications on the District Council and John Port School which will restrict both parties ability to deliver their corporate priorities.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 The reduction in Derbyshire County Council funding towards reducing obesity and increasing physical activity participation by young people will have a detrimental effect on the JMC's ability to further develop the Centre's facilities for use by the community. However the phased reduction will help mitigate the impact.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 The phased loss of financial support from Derbyshire County Council will still result in an increased cost to the District Council and John Port School but provides time to mitigate that position.

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Date	24 th August 2016

Dear Stuart

Etwall John Port Leisure Centre – Joint Use Agreement

Thank you for your letter of 22 July 2016 regarding Derbyshire's contribution to the above joint use agreement. It is helpful that the Joint Management Committee recognises the challenging financial position that the County Council faces and understands our need to make difficult financial decisions.

Your letter asked the Council to consider a staged reduction in the withdrawal of the funding to allow South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) and Etwall John Port School (EJPS) time to manage the impact.

The County Council has reflected on your request and is agreeable in principle, to a phased reduction. The County Council would be prepared to phase the reduction over two years with 1/3rd of the reduction, around £11,341 (based on 2015-16) to be made in April 2017 with the balance being withdrawn from April 2018.

This profile, which maintains the majority of the funding in 2017-18, gives SDDC and EJP over 18 months to manage the full reduction, a timeline which exceeds the 12 months which would apply if the joint use agreement were to be terminated.

The Council believes that the revised offer is fair to all parties and provides the JMC with a reasonable timeframe within which to respond to the loss of funding.

As an aside, I am exploring whether or not Etwall John Port School has a case for additional funding from the Education Funding Agency for an exceptional site factor. If successful this should offset the impact on the

school's budget of the removal of the Council's funding. The school may also gain as a result of the National Formula Funding changes which are due to be implemented from 2018/19.

On the matter of the Children's Centre although Cabinet agreed we were no longer able fund a full service from Etwall Children's Centre it was recognised that, due to the rurality of the area, we needed to provide a base for services for children and families to exist at a local level. We are therefore currently negotiating with partners in health and other services to contribute to sustaining a service delivery point which will support local families.

I should be grateful if you would consider the contents of this letter and seek the agreement of the Joint Management Committee to the revised reduction in joint use funding proposals at your earliest convenience.

Regards

Yours sincerely



Chris Allcock
Head of Finance, Children's Services

cc Chair of Governors, John Port School