

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

13<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**PRESENT:-**

**Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council**

Conservative Group

Councillor Billings and Councillor Mrs Plenderleith

Labour Group

Councillor D Shepherd

Officers

S Batchelor (Director of Community & Planning Services), M Roseburgh (Cultural Services Manager) K Stackhouse (Director of Finance and Corporate Services) and T Lindgren (Democratic Services Officer)

**Representatives of Etwall John Port School**

Governors

B Whyman MBE (Chair) and P Downs

Officers

G Golding

**Representatives of Active Nation**

J. Dobson, D Johns and S Ricketts

EL/26 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Mrs Lauro and C Harrison.

EL/27 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015 were noted, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

EL/28 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no declarations of interest from its members had been received for this meeting.

EL/29 **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2014/15**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services introduced the report, which he explained fell into two parts. The first part gave details of income and expenditure performance against budget during the course of the year, the second part dealt with the statutory report together with governance issues and in particular, included the Annual Governance Statement for 2014/15. The net

expenditure had increased in 2014/15 compared to 2013/14, by approximately £25,000 and by £45,000 compared to the actual Budget. The main cost for the Leisure Centre is the annual contract payment to Active Nation, to manage and maintain the facility.

Members of the Committee considered the detailed financial information contained in the report, and in particular asked questions on maintenance costs and utility charges in 2014/15. The Director of Finance and Corporate Services responded that utility costs had risen since the start of the contract compared to the base cost and that the sum was inclusive of 2013/14 and 2014/15.

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services reported that the overall settlement figures for the AGP are still to be agreed, including the requirement to set-up a Sinking Fund for replacements. As the accounts for 2014/15 are effectively closed, any transactions in the JMC's account will be reflected in 2015/16.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That the Statement of Accounts for 2014/2015 be considered and approved for signing by the Treasurer to the Joint Management Committee.***
- (2) That the Committee authorised the Chairman and the Secretary to the Committee to sign the Annual Governance Statement for 2014/15.***

EL/30 **ACTIVE NATION PERFORMANCE REPORT – VERBAL REPORT**

Mr. Johns wanted to record his thanks to the school and Mr. Golding, for their assistance in the huge achievement of keeping every area opened throughout the completion of the refurbishment.

Mr Dobson presented the quarterly review of Etwall Leisure Centre, making particular reference to the following items;

- **Good News Stories**
  - Refurbishment project at Etwall nearly completed
  - Gym more than doubled in size
  - 21 new Keiser bikes installed
  - New gym now opened
  - New reception area complete
  - New studio due to re-open end of July 2015
  - Tennis courts cleaned and repaired
  - Swim Scheme now 95% capacity (100% expected in the near future)
  - Holiday Scheme April to May 109 participants
  - Online Active Nation launched

- **Memberships**
  - 989 Direct Debit Memberships
  - 561 Annual Memberships
  - Average length of membership 9.5 months
  - Ongoing success with Etwall primary School catering for Pre-School
  
- **Supporter Comments**
  - 15 comments received between April - June 2015, compared to 68 comments received at the same time last year. The main reason for the decline in comments is that Mr. Dobson and team is on-site and the refurbishment of the facilities.
  
- **Centre Usage Figures**
  - Currently 8.000 visitors per week (including schools)
  - 2011/12 - 319,939
  - 2012/13 - 348,737
  - 2013/14 - 323,513
  - 2014/15 - 362,523

**RESOLVED:-**

***The Committee considered and accepted the points made in the presentation.***

The meeting terminated at 6:00pm

Mr B WHYMAN MBE

CHAIRMAN