

REPORT TO:	ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 7
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REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & PLANNING SERVICES BUSINESS MANAGER, JOHN PORT SCHOOL	EXEMPT PARAGRAPH NO:
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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reduction over two years with 1/3rd of the reduction in April 2017, around £11,341 (based on 2015/16) and the balance withdrawn from April 2018.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.