

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

16th July 2012

PRESENT:-

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Conservative Group

Councillors Bale, and Mrs. Hood (substitute for Councillor Lemmon).

Labour Group

Councillor Shepherd.

Officers

M. Alflat (Director of Operations), K. Stackhouse (Head of Corporate Services), M. Roseburgh (Culture and Community Manager) and D. Townsend (Democratic Services Officer).

Representatives of Etwall John Port School

Governors

C. Clemens and B. Whyman M.B.E.

Officer

G. Golding.

Representative of Derbyshire County Council

Councillor W. Major.

Representatives of Active Nation

D. Johns, M. Arnold and L. Shorthouse.

EL/1 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED:-

That Mr. Whyman be appointed Chairman of the Joint Management Committee for the ensuing year.

EL/2 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Lemmon be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Joint Management Committee for the ensuing year.

EL/3 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on 11th and 25th July 2011 were noted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**EL/4. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12**

A report was submitted which detailed the Leisure Centre's final accounts for 2011/12, including the formal financial and governance statements presented for audit. This was in accordance with Local Government Accounts and Audit Regulations.

2011/12 was the first year under the contract arrangements with Active Nation, and the Leisure Centre's final out-turn for 2011/12 was detailed in an Appendix to the report. This showed that there was a small overall decrease of £4,664 on a budgeted net expenditure of approximately £264,000. There were also some residual costs and incomes, following the transfer on 1st April 2011, in relation to employee and maintenance costs, although these were fairly minor.

Given that 2011/12 was the initial year, overall running costs were approximately on budget which was considered to be good performance. With an additional contribution being made by the County Council, the net expenditure of the facility was lower, with a consequent reduction in contributions required from the Council and the School, compared to those estimated. A summary was included within the report.

A draft statement of accounts was detailed in an appendix to the report, and the Audit Commission would now consider the financial statements and the detailed accounts.

The Annual Governance Statement (AGS) acted as a public assurance statement that the Committee had adopted a sound system of internal control, particularly relating to the maintenance of the accounts and financial procedures. This was a statutory requirement.

Further information was also provided on the split of revenue expenditure between South Derbyshire District Council and John Port School. It was suggested that this information be provided as a standard appendix within the yearly Statement of Accounts submitted to the Joint Management Committee.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That, the Statement of Accounts (subject to audit) for 2011/12 be approved for signing by the Treasurer to the Joint Management Committee.***
- (2) That the Chairman and the Secretary to the Committee be authorised to sign the Annual Governance Statement for 2011/12.***

EL/5. PERFORMANCE REPORT FROM ACTIVE NATION

Representatives from Active Nation provided a performance report for Etwall Leisure Centre. Examples were given of Active Nation's target customer base. It was also reported that 159 employees had transferred over to Active Nation

from Etwall Leisure Centre and Green Bank Leisure Centre, and there was now a single leadership structure between the 2 Leisure Centres.

Proposed developments for the future were outlined, and included a joint funding application for an all weather pitch, and a scheme to develop the existing gym. In addition, it was reported that Active Nation would like dedicated studio space for group classes and also some additional pool space to give further capacity for younger children's swimming.

EL/6. **ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE CONSTITUTION**

It was reported that the Governing Body of John Port School, South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council had been working together to draw up, and approve a constitution for the new Etwall Leisure Centre. The new constitution was attached as Annexe to the report and had been the subject of discussion and agreement between all parties.

The Chairman reported that contrary to the proposed constitution, the school did not want to act as Secretary to the Joint Management Committee, and requested that paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 were amended before the constitution was agreed. It was also requested that 'Matters Arising' and 'Any Other Business' be included within any future Agenda, and that this be documented within the constitution.

RESOLVED:-

That the Director of Operations look into the feasibility of this request and report back any progress to a future Meeting of the Joint Management Committee.

EL./7 **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.

MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meetings held on 11th July 2011 were noted.

B. WHYMAN M.B.E.

CHAIRMAN