REPORT TO: ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT AGENDA ITEM: 6

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE OF 11th JUNE 2016 CATEGORY

MEETING: RECOMMENDED

REPORT FROM: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & OPEN

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SUBJECT: DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - REF: SB

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

WARD (S) ETWALL, HATTON, HILTON, TERMS OF

AFFECTÉD: WILLINGTON REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendation

1.1 To authorise officers progress negotiations with Derbyshire County Council.

2.0 Purpose of the Report

2.1 To update Members on the decision by Derbyshire County Council to reduce their financial contribution to the Etwall Leisure Centre Joint Management Committee.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 Derbyshire County Council has written to the Etwall JMC to notify that they intend to withdraw their contribution of £32,000 from 2017/18.
- 3.2 The County Council letter identifies that they will continue to provide to John Port School £8,000 a year towards access for Primary School swimming. This contribution remains with the School.
- 3.3 The DCC letter quotes Clause 34 of the JMC Constitution:

'This agreement may be altered or determined only by the consent of all parties to the agreement'

whilst this clause seeks tri-partite agreement for any change, Clause 35 states

'The School, the District Council and the County Council may terminate their involvement in the Agreement by giving not less than 12 months written notice to the partners and subject to agreeing a financial compensation to the remaining partners'

3.4 Derbyshire County Council asked for a decision by 17th June. As it was not possible for the JMC to have discussed this issue by that date Derbyshire County Council were informed this deadline will not be met.

3.5 To discuss the Derbyshire County Council proposal a meeting between the County Council, District Council and John Port School has been timetabled and a verbal update will be provided at this meeting.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 The loss of £32,000 would be a reduction in income to the Etwall Leisure Centre JMC budget and the shortfall would have to be asorbed by the District Council and John Port School.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 The reduction in County Council funding will 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.

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 The loss of financial support from Derbyshire County Council will result in an increased cost to the District Council and John Port School.