

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2009/10

We acknowledge as the members of the Etwall Leisure Centre Management Committee our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, **to the best of our knowledge and belief**, with respect to the body's accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2010, that:

	Principle	Met	Evidence
1	We have approved the accounting statements that have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and proper practices.	Yes	Statement of accounts considered and reviewed and statement from the Treasurer that they conform to accounting practice.
2	We have maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	Yes	This requirement is met through the District Council's internal control arrangements. These have been assessed as "strong" through the external use of resources assessment.
3	We have taken all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and codes of practice which could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the body to conduct its business or on its finances.	Yes	Nothing has been reported during the year or identified in any internal or external audit.
4	We have provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	Yes	This will be undertaken following the approval of the draft accounts alongside the District's requirements to publish and make available the financial statements on the "appointed day."
5	We have carried out an assessment of the risks facing the body and taken appropriate steps to manage those risks including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	Yes	As 2 above. Insurance cover is in place where appropriate.
6	We have maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the body's accounting records and control systems and carried out a review of its effectiveness.	Yes	Undertaken through the District's internal audit function. They are currently undertaking a full operational and financial audit following the bedding in of the new centre and their findings will be reported to the Committee later in the year.
7	We have taken appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit	Yes	Non-reported in the year.
8	We have considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on the body and where appropriate have included them in the accounting statements.	Yes	None to report.

This Annual Governance Statement is approved by the Joint Management Committee at its meeting on **21st June 2010** after reviewing the draft accounts and financial statements presented for Audit

Signed on behalf of ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Chair: ----- Date -----

Print Name: -----

The Clerk to the Committee: ----- Date -----

Print Name: -----