

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 |
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| 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: -----