

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

11th July 2011

PRESENT:-

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Conservative Group

Councillors Bale, Lemmon and Roberts.

Labour Group

Councillors Chahal and Shepherd.

Officers

M. Alflat (Director of Operations), S. Smith (Group Accountant), and D. Townsend (Democratic Services).

Representatives of Etwall John Port School

Governors

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

Officer

G. Golding.

Representative of Derbyshire County Council

Councillor Ford.

Representatives of Active Nation

C. Crane and C. Duff.

EL/1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED:-

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

APOLOGY

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from Councillor Mrs. Farrington.

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

RESOLVED:-

That, B. Whyman M.B.E. 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 October and 20th December 2010 were noted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EL/4. **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2010/11**

A report was submitted which detailed the Leisure Centre's final accounts for 2010/11, including the formal financial and governance statements presented for Audit. This was in accordance with Local Government Accounts and Audit Regulations.

The Leisure Centre's final out-turn for 2010/11 was summarised in an Appendix to the report, and showed that on the main account there was an increase of £54,865 on a budgeted net expenditure of approximately £321,000. The main reason for this increase was a reduction in operating income compared to that estimated, together with an upwards revaluation of business rates on the building.

A summary of the overall variances was also included within the report.

The Draft Statement of Accounts was detailed in an attachment to the report, and would be audited by the Audit Commission. Their opinion and any issues arising from this would be reported to the next Meeting of the Committee.

In addition, it was requested that the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) was a public assurance that the Committee had adopted a sound system of internal control, in particular to the maintenance of the accounts and financial procedures. The AGS had to be formally published alongside the Committee's accounts.

Further questions were asked with regard to Derbyshire County Council's contribution to the running of the Leisure Centre. Officers assured Members that this issue was being addressed.

An explanation was also requested as to why the 'financed by' amounts were similar for both the school and South Derbyshire District Council, as it was understood that the split for these items had been agreed on a different ratio. Members did not feel that they had received a satisfactory explanation, and requested that further details be forwarded to them before they could approve the Statement of Accounts.

RESOLVED:-

That, further details on the 'financed by' amount, along with a full explanation be provided to all Members, and a further Meeting be arranged to approve the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement.

EL/5. **PERFORMANCE REPORT FROM ACTIVE NATION**

Information was circulated to Members on the current usage of Etwall Leisure Centre. Different activities were highlighted along with the number of users in 2011 compared to 2010.

Further detail was provided on the usage of the main hall and the squash courts. It was also confirmed that there had been a total of 25,000 users of the Leisure Centre in June 2011.

Members congratulated Active Nations on their overall increase of the number of participants.

RESOLVED:-

That the usage report be noted.

EL/6. **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 October and 20th December 2010 were received.

J. LEMMON

CHAIRMAN