

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

14th January 2002

PRESENT

South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Labour Group

Councillors Rose, Shepherd and Southern.

Conservative Group

Councillor Lemmon.

Officers

I. Reid, K. Stackhouse, C. Mason, S. Wright and P. Spencer.

Representatives Of Etwall John Port School

Governors

Messrs. C. Clemens and M. Crane.

Officers

G. Cole (Vice-Chair) and F. Briggs.

EL/11. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

It was agreed that Councillor Southern be appointed Chair of the Joint Management Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

EL/12. **APOLOGY**

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from Councillor Evens (Labour Group).

EL/13. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th October 2001 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EL/14. **USAGE INFORMATION**

A report was submitted which identified public usage of the swimming pool, squash courts and tennis courts for the financial years 1997/98 to date with comparative monthly usage figures. Also circulated at the Meeting were details of admissions for weeks 1 to 39 of the current year which were compared to the corresponding period in 2000/01.

The Leisure Centre Manager explained that there had been a recent increase in use of the facilities compared to the corresponding period last year. It was hoped that this was due in part to the redecoration of the Leisure Centre. The Manager also reported on the maintenance works undertaken over the Christmas period, praising staff for their assistance. The re-opening of the Centre had been delayed, due to problems experienced with the boiler and

there had been some classes cancelled as the pool temperature was too low. This boiler also supplied central heating to parts of the school, including the 6th form block, which had caused further problems.

RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted.

EL/15. **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2000/01**

The Committee received the Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2000/01 together with the Auditor's Report. In the Auditor's opinion, the Statement of accounts presented fairly the financial position of the Etwall Leisure Centre Joint Management Committee at 31st March 2001 and its Income and Expenditure for the year.

Members reviewed the Statement of Accounts, noting the underspend of £8,354, which had been used to fund the recent maintenance works. Clarification was sought regarding ownership of the Centre's assets and it was agreed that this be researched. Information was also provided about the lump-sum contribution made by Derbyshire County Council and the interest from that contribution, which offset in part, the County Council's funding to the Leisure Centre.

RESOLVED:-

That the Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2000/01 and the Auditor's Report be accepted.

EL/16. **REVENUE BUDGET 2001/02 AND 2002/03**

The Committee was asked to consider the Leisure Centre's probable out-turn for 2001/02 and the base budget for 2002/03. The probable out-turn for 2001/02 was projected to be £148,680, which was an increase of approximately £4,000 when compared to the original cash limit estimate. The reasons for this increase were due mainly to essential maintenance works to the pool and the purchase of a new pool cover. The costs were offset by reduced energy costs, an increase in overall income and a reduction in wages costs. The base budget for 2002/03 showed expenditure of £150,680. This represented a further increase of approximately £2,000 on the projected out-turn for 2001/02 and the main reasons were identified.

The Committee also considered the following appendices:-

- Appendix 1 – a summary of the Leisure Centre's Income and Expenditure account.
- Appendix 2 – a schedule showing the proposed fees and charges for 2002/03.

The budget for 2002/03 had initially been compiled at November 2001 prices. An allowance for inflation had been added where it was considered unavoidable to calculate the cash limit estimate for 2002/03. Details were provided of those assumptions built into the estimates, which were based on service levels in 2001/02 continuing. Appended to the report was a schedule of the proposed fees and charges to operate from 1st April 2002, together

with a comparison with the existing charges. Although there were some large increases in percentage terms, they were relatively minor in monetary terms. On current income levels, these increases could generate an additional £2,000-£3,000 per annum. It was hoped that the additional income generated could be used to offset repair requirements, maintaining the Centre and its customer base. Clarification was provided on those elements included within the budget to provide for such things as wage increases. The Council's Finance Officer also suggested a prudent approach to any repairs expenditure to ensure that the anticipated increases in income were achieved before commitments were made.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2001/02 and 2002/03 be approved.***
- (2) That the proposed fees and charges for 2002/03 be approved as submitted.***

EL/17. **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 Meeting held on 8th October 2001 were received.

MATTERS ARISING

The Committee received an update on the funding being sought to provide new facilities for the Etwall Leisure Centre.

REPORT OF MEMBERS

The Committee discussed a personnel matter and agreed to receive a further report at the next Meeting.

R. SOUTHERN