

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

11<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**PRESENT:-**

**Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council**

Conservative Group

Councillor Mrs Plenderleith (Chair) and Councillor Billings.

Labour Group

Councillor D Shepherd

Officers

S Batchelor (Director of Community & Planning Services), K. Stackhouse (Director of Finance & Corporate Services), M. Roseburgh (Cultural Services Manager) and T. C Lindgren (Democratic Services Officer)

**Representatives of Etwall John Port School**

Governors

B Whyman MBE (Vice - Chair), C Harrison and P Downs

Officers

G Golding

**Representatives of Active Nation**

J. Dobson and S Ricketts

EL/37 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Mrs. Lauro.

EL/38 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015 were noted, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

EL/39 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no declarations of interest from had been received.

EL/40 **INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2015/16 and PROPOSED BASE BUDGET 2016/17**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented a report to the Committee detailing the Leisure Centre's position for the current financial year 2015/16 against the approved budget, together with the proposed estimates of income and expenditure for 2016/17.

Projected spending was expected to increase in 2015/16 compared to the Original Budget, This was mainly due to the increased utility costs. The projected figure for 2015/16 and the Base Budget for 2016/17 reflected actual costs being incurred and was compared to the charge in 2014/15. The charges to Etwall JMC (Joint Management Committee) are based on an increase in the base tariff for both electricity and gas of over 30% since the commencement of the Contract. The cost of gas and electricity were initially accepted by the Contractor. However, the Contract allowed for the Contractor to reclaim additional costs where consumption rose above a certain level or if the tariff increased beyond a base level as set out in the Contract.

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services expressed his concerns regarding the additional maintenance costs, which had been incurred, compared to the set budget. If the Committee agreed to the proposed budget for 15/16, it would do so with the knowledge that there would be no future provision for additional maintenance costs. The current budget of approximately £11,000 had come under pressure in 2015/16 and additional liabilities are currently being assessed which may affect both SDDC and John Port School.

Approximately £30,000 of works had been identified, and in particular the cost of the replacement of the Air Handling System, an order for parts of £10,000 had been placed, but not budgeted for.

The Director of Communities and Planning Services told the Committee that SDDC are currently in contractual negotiations to extend the Contract as previously approved and if an agreement was reached, a significant reduction to the current annual contributions would follow.

The overall settlement figures for the Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) are still to be agreed, including the requirement to set-up a Sinking Fund for replacements. The cost of the AGP will in time be reclaimed through the payment of pitch fees by supporters.

After allowing for the County Council contribution and other income, the contributions required from the funding partners will be as follows:

South Derbyshire District Council (62%)

Budgeted 2015/16 - 60,975  
Projected 2015/16 - £64,071  
Estimated 2016/17 - £64,925

John Port School (38%)

Budgeted 2015/16 - £37,371  
Projected 2015/16 - £39,270  
Estimated 2016/17 - £39,792

An in-depth discussion took place around prospective financial consequences facing John Port in particular, if further contributions towards maintenance cost and Sinking Fund would be required. Mr. Dobson informed the Committee of the situation with the Swimming Pool and said that he is expecting a report which would be shared at a future Committee meeting.

The Committee requested that the following be actioned:

- That the Director of Community and Planning present a report to the Committee on the condition of the four remaining Air Handling System units, prior to any work being undertaken.
- That the Cultural Services Manager present a 'lifecycle Plan' which details the lifespan, and cost of plant and equipment at the Leisure Centre.
- That Active Nation provide a Maintenance and Repairs report at the annual Budget meeting.

**RESOLVED:-**

***1.1 That the Committee approved the projected out-turn for 2015/16 and the proposed estimates of income and expenditure for 2016/17.***

***1.2 That the Committee agreed that additional maintenance costs for 2015/16 be covered by the Sinking Fund.***

EL/41      **ACTIVE NATION PERFORMANCE REPORT – VERBAL REPORT**

Mr Dobson presented the quarterly review (September 2015 to date) of Etwall Leisure Centre, making particular reference to the following items;

•      **Good News Stories**

- Discovery weekend took place between 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016.
- Additional car parking spaces at the school bus park has been created.
- New LED car parking lighting have been installed and a bike shelter added to the car park.
- Hilton Harriers Tournament over the Christmas period raised £900 towards supporting their disability team for the ensuing year..
- Eggington primary School raised £1,057 through an onsite raffle to pay for various activities and resources.
- An online subscription tool for Active Nutrition packages have been launched, where all Active Nation supports can order food and receive a bespoke nutrition & training plan.
- Work to improve the Sports Hall and AHUS is due to commence in 2016.
- Several improvements has been made to the Swimming Pool, including servicing of the pool cover.
- A new cleaner has been employed for 30 hours per week.
- Increased local use on Twitter, Facebook and website.
- The Christmas holiday scheme successfully engaged 30 children per day.
- Soccer Stars was a great achievement with 40 children per day taking part.
- The re-launch of the Saturday Night Project saw between 50 and 60 children participating each weekend.
- The NPS (Net Promoter Score) Survey package had been launched, so far 41 positive feedback forms had been received.

•      **Gym & Exercise Memberships**

- 1,607 in total Membership up until December 2015.
- Average length of membership stays at 9.5 months.
- 1,277 children presently subscribe to the swimming scheme.

- **Supporter Comments**
  - 14 comments received between September and December 2015, 8 'Brilliant Points' and 6 'Areas of Improvement Points'.
- **Centre Usage Figures**
  - Usage increased with over 42,500 visits since the 2011/12.
  - The centre saw a total of 46,968 'All Weather Pitch Users' in the last financial year.

Mr. Dobson informed the Committee that Mr Ricketts had left his position with Active Nation, due to an opportunity in neighbouring Leicestershire. Further information will follow once the position had been filled.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the Committee considered and noted the points made in the presentation.***

The meeting terminated at 6:20 p.m

COUNCILLOR. MRS. A. PLENDERLEITH

CHAIRMAN