

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

24 April 2024

PRESENT:

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Labour Group

Councillors D Shepherd (Chair) and L Singh.

Conservative Group

Councillor D Muller.

Members in Attendance

Councillor A Kirke

Officers

Charlotte Jackson - Head of Finance

Sean McBurney – Head of Cultural and Community Services

Donna Foster– Senior Democratic Services Officer

Kelly Julian – Democratic Services Officer

Representatives of John Port Spencer Academy

Governing Body

Danny Parker – School Governor

Marie Walker-Endsor

Alison Vann

EL/24 **APOLOGIES**

The Joint Committee was informed that no apologies had been received.

EL/25 **OPEN MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on 08 January 2020 and 10 January 2024 were noted and approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

It was noted that at EL/20 in the 10 January 2024 minutes the report giving clarity on the appropriate use of the Sink Fund remained outstanding.

EL/26 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no Declarations of Interest had been received.

EL/27 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No.10 Mr Pete Price asked the Head of Cultural and Community Services, the following question:

“Given the substantial increase in membership fees following the start of the new contract with Everyone Active, in the first year precisely what will customers see in return, in terms of improved community sports, the availability of pool time for community swimming and the maintenance or improvement of the building and facilities?”

The Head of Cultural and Community Services thanked Mr Price for his question and explained that it was hoped that membership fees would be in line with the previous operator’s rates. It was noted that whilst Everyone Active, the new contractor, had made a commitment to improve leisure provision, they had only been in place for 24 days and that maintenance improvements would be covered in the presentation from the Everyone Active.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No.10 Mr Pete Price asked the Head of Cultural and Community Services, the following question:

“Given the Council's commitments in response to my question to the JMC in September 2023, how will the Council and Everyone Active ensure community interests are better represented in discussions with the school over the timetabling for swimming and other sports and activities?”

The Head of Cultural and Community Services informed the Joint Committee that there would be a structure of formal meetings with regular operational meetings and quarterly strategic meetings. It was noted that the community use of the swimming pool would have to be balanced with the needs of the school.

EL/31 **LEISURE CONTRACT**

The Head of Cultural and Community Services presented the report to the Committee outlining the recommendations and the key areas within the report.

Marie Walker-Endsor addressed the Joint Committee and explained that it was for the Trust to grant the License to Occupy which should be completed within 6 to 12 weeks.

Councillor Muller sought clarity regarding the TUPE of Staff.

The Everyone Active confirmed that all staff had been give assurance regarding employment and that it was Everyone Active’s intention to increase the number of staff.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Joint Committee noted the appointment of SLM Ltd (Everyone Active) as the new leisure management contractor for Etwall Leisure Centre from 1 April 2024 for a period of 5 years with an optional 2 year extension.***

1.2 *The Joint Committee granted to SLM Ltd (Everyone Active) and the SLM Community Leisure Charitable Trust, sufficient use and occupation rights in order that both organisations can meet the obligations under the leisure management contract*

EL/29 **EVERYONE ACTIVE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Everyone Active representative presented the presentation to the Joint Committee which included, the background of SLM (Everyone Active), its Leadership Team and Regional Team. The Joint Committee was provided with an overview of the contract, Everyone Active's strategic objectives and outcomes and an outline of proposed facility improvements.

Members raised queries regarding possible passes for Council staff, community outreach for rural areas and staff retention.

The Everyone Active representative informed the Joint Committee that discussions were underway with South Derbyshire District Council regarding staff passes, and that due to the number of cross boarder contracts, Everyone Active had the ability to reach out to the wider community. The Everyone Active representative explained that it was the nature of the business to have high turnover of staff in relation to students etc. but it was important to have a stable workforce and that they were looking at packages and development opportunities to assist with the retention of staff.

RESOLVED:

The Committee received and noted the Everyone Active Performance Report.

EL/30 **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 paragraph of Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in the header to each report on the Agenda.

EXEMPT MINUTES

The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2024 received.

The meeting terminated at hours 17:40hours.

COUNCILLOR D SHEPHERD

CHAIR