

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

12<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**PRESENT:-**

**Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council**

Labour Group

Councillor D Shepherd (Chair)

Conservative Group

Councillor D Muller

Independent Group

Councillor D Angliss (joined the meeting at 5.24pm)

Officers

K Stackhouse Strategic Director (Corporate Resources)

A Thomas Strategic Director (Service Delivery)

E Minogue – Head of Cultural and Community Services

Representatives of John Port Spencer Academy

Governing Body

Mrs M Walker-Endsor - School Governor

Representatives of Active Nation

Terry Simms

EL/07 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies were received from D Parker (Vice Chair).

EL/08 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd September 2021 were noted and approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

EL/09 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that declarations of interest had been received from Councillor Shepherd and Councillor Muller in reference to Item EL/05 by virtue of being Members of the Planning Committee.

EL/10 **INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2021/22 AND PROPOSED BASE BUDGET 2022/23**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report advising the Committee of the transactions that went through the account and that the Joint Management Committee had responsibility for general repairs, maintenance, and utility costs. It was noted that a credit had been received for utilities that included a recalculation for a previous year. The Committee was advised that for 2022/23

the normal base budget was recommended with a utility cost contingency of £10,000.

**RESOLVED: -**

***That the income and expenditure 2021/22 and the proposed base budget 2022/23 were approved***

EL/11    **ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE – S106 FUNDING**

The Head of Cultural and Community Services presented the report informing the Committee of plans for the site including any down time for the squash courts and the toilet project.

Members sought confirmation that the project would take place.

The Head of Cultural and Community Services confirmed that the project would take place and that the funding needed to be committed and drawn down.

Councillor Muller was relieved that the expiry date of the project had not passed and that funding would not have to be returned to the Developers.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the Etwall Leisure Centre S106 Funding was approved***

EL/12    **ACTIVE NATION PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Active Nation Representative presented the report informing the Committee of the increased usage of facilities and a good growth in activities. The site was working at 100 percent capacity and was working with Parish Trusts to let out other sports facilities.

The Committee was advised that the new covid virus strain had presented some challenges and that there had been uncertainty around what restrictions would be imposed which had seen a decline in numbers during December but that take up in January had increased. and the adoption of safe practices on site continued.

The Committee was informed about the launch of an on-demand service which allowed members to join activities virtually in their home and that both swimming and outdoor activities had increased to 70% of the pre-Covid activities.

It was noted that challenges exist regarding the operation of safe facilities along with the recruitment of lifeguards and the instability of staffing levels due to covid. The Committee was advised of the appointments of a new Swimming Coordinator, a Maintenance Officer and two Deputy Managers.

The Chair was impressed with the launch of the on-demand service and thanked the representative for a very positive report and raised a query regarding in house training for lifeguards and how the centre recruited their staff.

The Active Nation representative advised the Committee that they were working with Pingle School to encourage students to enrol in lifeguard training and that they used Indeed for their recruitment and were also working with John Port School to recruit students.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the Active National Performance Report was received and noted.***

EL/13    **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.***

The meeting terminated at 17.37 hrs

D SHEPHERD

CHAIR