

MINUTE of MEETING of the WEST LOTHIAN LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE of WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, on 21 AUGUST 2014.

Present – Councillors Dave King (Chair), Jim Dixon, David Dodds (substituting for Frank Toner), Carl John (substituting for Jim Dickson), John McGinty and Jim Walker

Apologies – Councillors Cathy Muldoon, Jim Dickson and Frank Toner

In attendance

Keir Stevenson, Sport and Outdoor Education Coordinator, West Lothian Council
Robin Strang, Chief Executive, West Lothian Leisure

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. MINUTE

The Committee approved the Minute of the meeting held on 19 June 2014 as being a correct record. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee resolved that under Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of item 4 below (Monitoring Report) on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

4. MONITORING REPORT

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Area Services which provided an update on the operation of West Lothian Leisure Limited.

The Sport and Outdoor Education Coordinator advised the Committee that information contained within the report related to the operation of West Lothian Leisure (WLL) to the end of July 2014. West Lothian Leisure continued to implement the business plan for the financial year 2014/15 as approved by West Lothian Council and the WLL Board.

The Committee was advised that WLL completed a number of facility development projects which included the transferring of catering facilities at Xcite Bathgate, Livingston and Linlithgow to West Lothian Leisure which took place on 27 June 2014. Customers would see the following changes over the forthcoming months:

- Improved quality of food and beverages;
- Minor refurbishment and decoration at Livingston and Linlithgow cafes;
- New branding to reinforce the Café Xcite brand;
- New menus including healthy child and party options;
- Consistent pricing; and
- Improved front of house systems.

Plans were also underway for the development of a major facility at Xcite Linlithgow which would include the development of a full-size 3rd Generation synthetic turf pitch on site. Planning for this development continues between West Lothian Council, West Lothian Leisure and other stakeholders.

In response to questions from members with regards to the impact the Commonwealth Games 2014 and The Queens Baton Relay travelling through West Lothian on 15 June 2014 had on sports activities in West Lothian, it was explained that the events did generate an increase in the use of sports facilities and encouraged sports development in the area.

The Committee was asked to approve the contents of the report.

Decision

Approved the terms of the report.