

MINUTE of MEETING of the WEST LOTHIAN LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, on 25 AUGUST 2022.

Present – Councillors Craig Meek (Chair), Alison Adamson, Anne McMillan (substituting for Councillor Cathy Muldoon) and Andrew Miller

Apologies – Councillors Cathy Muldoon and Ann Davidson

In attendance

Alan Colquhoun – Culture & Sport Manager, WLC

Andrew Heron – Head of Finance, WLL

Karen Wernham – Head Of Operations, WLL

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2 MINUTES

The committee approved the minute of its meeting held on 23 June 2022.

3 PRIVATE SESSION

The committee resolved under Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

4 WEST LOTHIAN LEISURE FINANCIAL POSITION

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services providing an update on West Lothian Leisure's (WLL) financial position for the 2022/23 financial year. The report also provides an update on the letter of financial comfort provided by the council to WLL to assist WLL with its 2021/22 audit.

It was recommended that the committee note:

1. WLL's financial performance for the three months to 30 June 2022;
2. WLL's updated forecast for the year to 31 March 2023;
3. That WLL had been invited to manage community access to sports facilities at the new Winchburgh school complex; and
4. That following the agreement of Council Executive on 16 August

2022, the Head of Finance and Property Services had provided a letter of financial comfort to WLL in relation to its 2021/22 audit.

Discussion followed on energy costs and chlorine supply issues and mitigating actions as well as on membership retention.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

5 MONITORING REPORT: CULTURE, SPORT, LEISURE & OUTDOOR EDUCATION

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive providing an update on the operation of Culture, Sport, Leisure and Outdoor Education services delivered by West Lothian Leisure (WLL), within the context of facility re-opening and service resumption in line with the Scottish Government's strategic framework for managing COVID-19.

It was recommended that the West Lothian Leisure Advisory Committee note the updates on WLL's operational performance and related matters outlined in the report.

During discussion, it was noted that the Winchburgh school complex model could provide an opportunity to develop community access to sports facilities on other West Lothian sites.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.