

# **CUSTOMERS AND COMMUNITIES O&S PANEL**

Programme Director's Report 12 September 2011



# CULTURE, SPORT & LEISURE PROGRAMME



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## I. Plymouth Life Centre

### I.1 Update

- I.1.1 Within the main pool hall, work has started on installing the moveable floors and booms, the flume installation is progressing well and the rendering for the dive pool tiling has now been completed.
  - I.1.2 The bowls area has seen significant high-level work undertaken which will allow the installation of acoustic panels in the near future.
  - I.1.3 Within the main sports hall, the floor space is being cleared to allow high-level lighting systems to begin and the glazed balustrade on the viewing gallery is nearing completion. The highway works are also making good progress and Balfour Beatty is pleased this has been done with little disruption to traffic in the local area.
  - I.1.4 The coloured glass cladding on the external walls of the dive tower area is well underway. Calm weather is needed with no wind, as each of the 519 panels needs to be individually placed by crane.
  - I.1.5 The main entrance columns have been installed.
  - I.1.6 A large section of the new car park will be handed back for use by the general public by the end of July.
  - I.2 Limiting number of site visits – the frequency and size of site visits requires to be controlled more effectively. BB has expressed concern over the size of groups and the Programme Director has assumed control of this, having the final say on whether visits go ahead or not.
    - I.2.1 Future visits will be limited to 10 people maximum (excluding BB staff) and this is to be rigorously enforced.
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## 2. Leisure Management Contract

### 2.1 Update

- 2.1.1 The Leisure Management Contract was signed on 20 May and since then we have been working with Everyone Active to develop their mobilisation proposals and begin to meet with the staff from the various organisations that will TUPE transfer to Everyone Active for the duration of the contract.
- 2.1.2 Everyone active are developing their operational and management readiness for the takeover of the facilities and are already up and running with Plympton Pool and Brickfields.

### 2.2 Early Mobilisation

- 2.2.1 Over and above the contractual service commencement we have undertaken to begin mobilisation early at some of the facilities. Plympton Pool and Brickfields were both taken over by Everyone Active on 1 September and they are now managing these facilities. Everyone Active has undertaken some decoration works and introduced new signage to highlight the change in management.
- 2.2.2 Everyone Active will now dedicate time and money to the develop use of these facilities and will aim to improve patronage and ensure that a broad range of activities are on offer to facilitate health improvements across the city.
- 2.2.3 This early mobilisation will enable Everyone Active to dedicate the next few months to the development of these facilities so that they are not overshadowed when the Plymouth Life Centre opens.

### 2.3 Pricing structure

- 2.3.1 Swimming £3.80 / Concession £3.40 / Junior 4-15yrs £2.70 / 3 yrs and under Free
- 2.3.2 Gym £5.00 / Concession £4.50 / 11-16yrs £3.00
- 2.3.3 Fitness Classes Range from £4.00-£4.75
- 2.3.4 Squash Court Hire (45mins) £5.00 / Concession £4.50
- 2.3.5 Badminton Court £12.00 / Concession £10.80
- 2.3.6 Health Suite (Steam Room and Sauna) £4.00 / Concession £3.60
- 2.3.7 Swimming Lesson (Junior) £4.00
- 2.3.8 Bowls Members £3.25 / Non-members £5.00 / Juniors £2.00 [Bowls memberships are unrelated to fitness memberships, and purchased on an annual basis]
- 2.3.9 Creche (per hour) £2.50 / Concessions £2.25
- 2.3.10 Memberships (inclusive of swimming, gym, health suite and fitness classes) range from £23.40 per month (concession) to maximum £39.00 per month.

NB – These prices are fixed until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013

NB – Prices at Plympton and Brickfields will be maintained at their current levels until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.

### 2.4 Travel arrangements

- 2.4.1 See Part II paper

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### 3. Brickfields

#### 3.1 Update

- 3.1.1 Transfer of the Brickfields Sports Centre to Devonport Community Leisure Limited was auctioned on 1 September 2011 with a sub-lease to Everyone Active.
- 3.1.2 Everyone Active has now taken the building over and is managing it on DCLL's behalf.

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### 4. Events Field

#### 4.1 Update

- 4.1.1 The circus will be located on Cottage Field 24 August to 4 September this year as this makes it more accessible to the public particularly those with a disability.
- 4.1.2 The circus will enter the site from the Seagrave Road entrance to the park.
- 4.1.3 A meeting is planned with Council officers and a circus representative to agree how the public should be signed from the car parks to Cottage field, avoiding the road between the Mayflower Centre and PLC.

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### 5. Skateboard Park

#### 5.1 Update

- 5.1.1 Work commenced on site on 11 July with a programmed completion date of 3 October.
- 5.1.2 Freestyle have reviewing the drainage proposals for the skate park in view of the ground conditions encountered on site and this has been approved by the Planning Authority.