

To receive a report on the Saltash Leisure Centre and consider any actions and associated expenditure.

Further to the working group held earlier today please see below the notes I took:

CT informed the group of the recent appointment of Paul Lucock, which was welcomed by all. Paul is the new Leisure Business Development Manager and one of his roles will be to engage with GLL and Property to move the estate transformation element forward.

Paul will be invited to the future meetings.

Update from James Curry:

- 676 members
- Swim lessons – 482 heads. Pre covid this was at 550. The number has plateaued which reflects a national picture. Effort going in to increase numbers.
- School swim – fully booked this year generating a revenue of £40k across the academic year; already fully booked autumn and summer 23/24.
- Income down in May – affected by the hot weather during half term. All providers in the SW have suffered as swimmers go to beaches – challenge for casual side of leisure centre business such as swimming and soft play.
- Positive news - made savings on cost expenditure due to reduction of electricity consumption, plus prices have come down a bit – 20% since April so pressure on the market has eased a bit; however gas consumption remains a challenge and is being worked on.
- Staffing – there have been few issues with turnover due to some staff performance issues. Recruitment going well though.
- GLL now focussing on junior and senior programmes. Main GLL competitors focus on the adult market, so GLL is trying to diversify and develop programmes for both. Saltash has successful junior gym sessions and with growing numbers.
- Healthwise scheme exercise on prescription – it has been challenging to get this going after covid but now starting to improve with social prescribers encouraging people to the centre. GLL is keen to build traction with local surgeries. ACTION – James to provide an overview/briefing paper on the Healthwise scheme for Hilary and Richard to share with the Health Action Group.
- Plougastel forum – last meeting held in the leisure centre and Sharon attended.
- GLL relaunched its corporate membership scheme.
- GLL GSF presentation evening held last week, which was a success. 84 athletes participating across Cornwall supported by GLL Sports Foundation. Saltash leisure centre caterer provided catering for the event. ACTION –

James to provide a list of the those who received an award and identify if any from Saltash.

- GLL 30 year anniversary celebrations to be held over the weekend of 21/23 July – there will be partnership events at each centre that local councillors and members will be invited to

HF advised that at the recent Mayfair, the second day was focussed on wellness which GLL sponsored and it worked well.

MW queried what the position was regarding the installation of a softplay facility – James to look into further.

To note – Saltash Library is due to close temporarily in September to enable refurbishment works to be undertaken.

End of report
Community Link Officer