

Questions received from Jane Alexander

Q1) Para 1.3 of the supporting document states that the completion of the improvement works witnessed an annual increase of 98,000 visits to Council leisure centres. Can you please provide an analysis of these visits by leisure centre and the related improvement works, demonstrating how the increases correlate with these works?

A) This information was provided to the Value and Performance Scrutiny Committee in June 2011; it detailed;

Ferry Leisure Centre achieving 33,000 more visits
Barton Leisure Centre achieving 14,000 more visits
Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre achieving 51,000 more visits
(All figures rounded up to the nearest thousand)

Q2) Para 1.5 of the supporting document states that the council is achieving a 'good return' on its capital – can you please provide the percentage return this represents?

A) The exact level of return is yet to be fixed, but it will be better than the rate the council is currently attaining from its investment income. Additional to this we will attain the following benefits from the investment; low risk as return from guaranteed reduction in fee. Capital repayment will be achieved within a period commensurate with the life span of the works and the rate of return.

The quality of the council owned leisure facilities is improved.
The council attain the majority share of any contract wide surpluses.

Q3) Para 2 describes the proposed developments at various leisure facilities – can you please list the amount to be invested by the Council at each site?

A) At this stage we have pre tender estimates;

Oxford Ice Rink - £220,000
Ferry Leisure Centre £284,000
Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre £120,000
Barton Leisure Centre - £10,000

These figures exclude the project contingency included in the business case.

Q4) Para 2.3 of the supporting document describes the plans for Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre – what is the value of the financial investment being made by Fusion?

A) Nil, the council is funding the investment which is funded by a reduced fee from Fusion.

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- Q5) Para 3 of the supporting document talks about the Council's aspiration of delivering World Class leisure services – can you please explain what constitutes “World Class leisure services”?
- A) In relation to the council's leisure facilities this constitutes; high quality, sustainable, accessible, affordable leisure facilities that are well used.
- Q6) Para 3 refers to reducing “ongoing net subsidy requirements” – what is the value of subsidy at each leisure centre expected this year, and over each of the last three years?
- A) This information remains commercially sensitive.
- Q7) Relating to para 5.1 of the supporting document can you please explain what is meant by “none (sic) vehicular methods” other than walking?
- A) Any form of transport that is non vehicular e.g. walking and cycling.
- Q8) Relating to para 7.1 of the supporting document, how can this measure be voted on when negotiation over the terms of any benefit, and hence the realization of any business case, has not been concluded?
- A) There is sufficient information in the report and the confidential appendix for members to assess the proposal.
- Q9) Relating to para 7.1 of the supporting document, can you please provide the capital repayment profile for these works?
- A) Please see the answer to question two.
- Q10) Relating to para 7.2 of the supporting document, can you please explain the mechanism by which the council retains the “majority of any contract surpluses”?
- A) The report details that the council attain the majority share, the detail remains commercially sensitive.