

Report of: Interim Executive Director, City Services

To: Executive Board

Date: 17th March 2008

Title of Report : Peers School Leisure Centre **Item No.**

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: To confirm the date up until which Oxford City Council will subsidise the running of the indoor sports centre at Peers School Oxford.

Key decision: No

Portfolio Holder: Councillor David Rundle

Scrutiny Responsibility: Environment

Ward(s) affected: All

Report Approved by: Jeremy Thomas - Legal
Andy Collett – Finance
Councillor David Rundle – Portfolio Holder

Policy Framework: n/a

Recommendation(s):

- That Executive Board confirms that the City Council will continue to fund the running of the sports centre at Peers School until 31st August 2008.

1. The Council in setting its budget for 2008/09 approved a bid to provide funding for the sports centre at Peers School “until the Peers School ceases to exist”.

2. Our latest information from the County Council is that they are waiting for the final signing of the Funding Agreement by the Secretary of State which will formally signal that Peers School will close on August 31 2008 and that The Oxford Academy will open on 01 September 2008.
3. The last day of term for the Academic Year 2007-8 is 23 July.
4. We had previously in effect served notice on the County Council of the City Council's intention to end funding for the Dual Use Agreement as of 31st March 2008. We have now informed the County Council of the additional funding and they have confirmed that they are content for the Dual use Agreement to continue.
5. It is confirmed that there is sufficient budget to maintain the financial support until 31st August 2008.

Recommendations

6. That Executive Board confirms that the City Council will continue to fund the running of the sports centre at Peers School until 31st August 2008.

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Background papers: None