

APPENDIX 1

Questions to CEB – Monday 22nd April.

Questions from Mr Nigel Gibson, with answers printed in *italics*:-

1. What was the total value of the ten-year contract signed with Fusion Lifestyle that commenced in March 2009?

Please see the council's website – the pages for Business and Licensing, selling to the Council, current contracts hold this information.

<http://www.oxford.gov.uk/Library/Documents/Procurement/Contract%20%20Leisure%20Services.pdf>

2. Clearly conditions and requirements have changed since the commencement of the contract, and as a consequence the contract value will have changed - what is the latest forecast of the total value of this contract over ten years?

This information is commercially sensitive information.

3. Can you please provide a breakdown of the current contract value by year, as an update to the table previously published in the annual accounts?

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4. The granting of permission for the Town Green Campaign in Blackbird Leys to take their appeal to Judicial Review will clearly have an impact on the contract. How will the contract value be affected by the delay?

There will be no effect to the contract value.

5. What is the value of the 'surplus share' (ie profit) that has been paid back to the Council to date?

Nil

6. What value of surplus share (ie profit) to be returned to the council was forecast when the Fusion contract was signed?

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7. How does Fusion's 'registered charity' status link with its re-investment to 'improve the sport and leisure offer' in Oxford's community?

In line with Fusion's Memorandum of Association and charitable objectives this is;

a) To provide or assist in the provision of facilities and services for the public benefit for recreational, sporting or other leisure time occupation in the interest of social welfare

b) To promote community participation in healthy recreation

c) To advance the education of the public in the benefits of healthy lifestyles.

8. The report talks about improving the sport and leisure offer – what is the Council doing to measure whether the improvement in the “offer” is matched by real improvements to sport and leisure felt by the people of Oxford?

Sport England's Active People survey is an annual survey that measures the percentage increase in numbers of adults taking part in regular sport. The interim result of 26.4% places Oxford City in the top quartile of all districts within the Country and is a 5.7% increase from the baseline figure of 20.7 which was recorded in 2006.

There are a host of different measures including customer satisfaction, user and non-user surveys, mystery visits, participation, carbon, visits to targeted activities, National Benchmarking and Quest UK quality award scheme for Sport and Leisure.

9. What will be the value of the annual payment by the Council to Fusion for the new pool in Blackbird Leys if that goes ahead?

This information has previously been responded to and can be found on the council's website.

<http://www.oxford.gov.uk/Direct/CompetitionStandardPoolPublicQuestionsandAnswersCEB21July2011.pdf> (affordability)

10. You state that the Annual Service Plan builds on your approach to “delivering world class leisure provision” – can you please provide some examples of what you consider “world class leisure provision” that you are using as a benchmark for leisure facilities in Oxford?

High quality, accessible, well-used and sustainable amenities that meet the needs of the communities they serve.

11. Why have you not implemented the carbon reduction measures at Temple Cowley Pools recommended in the August 2010 MACE report that could have been improving the electricity efficiency by up to 20%?

The return on investment exceeds the lifespan of the facility.

12. You should be well aware (as I exposed in an address to council in July last year) that the comparison of “subsidy per visit” from before the Fusion contract with now is not comparing like with like. Why does the report persist in claiming a reduction from £2.14 to 57p a visit, when the real cost has actually increased to over £2.14?

The calculation is explained in question 14.

13. Why does your Leisure Partnership Board only include a single user of leisure facilities? How do you ensure that the views and needs of all types of user (and potential user) are properly and correctly represented on the Board

Each facility has their own user group forum and communication from these is fed into the Leisure Partnership Board and contract meetings between the Council and Fusion Lifestyle. It would be unmanageable to include representation from clubs, facilities and every user type at each Leisure Partnership Board meeting.

14. Can you please explain how you calculate the “subsidy per user”?

Value (£) of the management fee paid to Fusion Lifestyle and cost of utilities divided by the number of total visits to all centres. This is in line with national guidance.