

LEISURE AND CULTURE SUB COMMITTEE

(Committee Rooms 1/2 - Port Talbot Civic Centre)

Members Present:

24 April 2018

Chairperson: Councillor A.L.Thomas

Vice Chairperson: Councillor M.Crowley

Councillors: S.Miller, S.Renkes, A.J.Richards, R.L.Taylor
and D.Whitelock

**Officers In
Attendance** P.Walker and C.Davies

1. **MINUTES OF THE LEISURE AND CULTURE SCRUTINY SUB
COMMITTEE HELD ON 15TH FEBRUARY 2018.**

The Committee noted the Minutes

2. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: that pursuant to Section 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following items of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the above Act.

3. **THREE QUARTER YEAR PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2017-18
CELTIC LEISURE (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 14)**

Members received an update on the performance of Celtic Leisure during the first nine months of the financial year, in comparison to the submitted business plan as contained within the circulated report.

It was noted that there had been a general reduction in public swimming due to an overall change in society's fitness regime. It was

also highlighted that there was a decrease in income from swimming lessons and it was highlighted that this figure was due to the closure of some facilities.

Members asked why there had been a reduction in employee costs. Officers highlighted that Celtic Leisure review their employee structure when there is a vacancy and determine whether that vacancy needs to be filled. Non-filling of these vacancies result in reduction in employee costs.

Members asked whether pool parties effect swimming income. It was noted that most pool parties utilise a Saturday afternoons as children usually have activities on in the evenings of weekdays. It was noted that there has been a decline in swimming however, Aberavon has one of the best Lifeguard Clubs in Wales.

Members highlighted that there isn't much advertising of swimming. Officers highlighted that Celtic Leisure utilise social media however, will discuss with them other ways of advertisement.

Members asked what percentage of children pass their swimming lesson courses. Officers stated that they would ask Celtic Leisure for the information and get back to Members. It was noted that Celtic Leisure offer Swimming Lessons all through the week, and not just on a Friday, as there was a back log of children that could not swim due to the closure of the Afan Lido.

Members queried how long is left with the overall leisure refurbishments. Officers explained all refurbishments have been completed and that Pontardawe was the last area to be refurbished.

Members asked whether entrance ways could have more of a modern restoration. Officers confirmed that new entrance technologies usually break down and are not reliable, however, it could be something to consider when Celtic Leisure have another refurbishment.

Members asked whether Celtic Leisure would consider cross advertisement with Pontardawe Arts Centre. Officers highlighted that they would take this into consideration going forward.

Following scrutiny, it was agreed that the report be noted.

CHAIRPERSON