

Oxford Leisure Partnership Board Zoom meeting Tuesday 20 October 12noon to 1pm		
	Initials:	Project Role
Oxford City Council: Ian Brooke Cllr Linda Smith Cllr Steve Goddard Lucy Cherry Brendan Wall Clare Keen	IB CLS CSG LC BW CK	Head of Community Services Board Member for Leisure & Parks Shadow Board Member Leisure and Performance Manager Young People Representative Communications Officer
Fusion Lifestyle: Gregg Holland Graham Ashby	GH GA	Regional Business Manager Oxford Contract Manager
Representatives: Greig Box –Turnbull Ruth James Alistair Skelton Margaret Simpson Philippa Hewer Suzanne Jeffery	GBT RJ AS MS PH SJ	Oxford City Stars Ice Hockey Club Ferry User Group Representative City of Oxford Swimming Club Older People Representative Hinksey Outdoor Pool Representative British Ice Skating Association
Apologies for absence:	Oxford City Council: Tim Sadler – Executive Director of Sustainable City	
<p><u>Oxford City Council update</u></p> <p>OCC are looking at budgets and planning for the future ahead. There is pressure across all services and the council has a legal obligation to have a balanced budget. The Medium Term Financial Plan is looking towards income levels returning to normal in three years.</p> <p>The Council has approved budget to repair the leak at Hinksey Pools. Works will be progressed in a timely manner ready for the 2021 season.</p> <p><u>Fusion Update</u></p> <p>Fusions corporate team are reviewing government guidelines and requirements for Tier 1, 2 & 3 COVID status to help identify and mitigate impact on local delivery models.</p> <p>Fusion has and is continuing to operating a business recovery phased approach.</p> <p>Revised delivery revenue and income sales are stable across Fusions business.</p> <p>Usage at Ferry and Leys Pools and Leisure Centres is steady – however does fluctuate in line with current industry behaviours.</p> <p><u>Update on facilities re-opening</u></p> <p>Ferry Leisure Centre wet and dry offer in place.</p> <p>Leys Pool and Leisure Centre dry offer in place.</p> <p>Barton Leisure Centre remains closed until a safe, viable and sustainable offer can be offered.</p> <p>Fusion will inform Barton Leisure Centre members and users of membership payments and the future plan for the memberships. Barton members can transfer membership to Ferry or Leys Pools and Leisure Centres; Payments will not be taken in the event of no movement.</p> <p>Oxford Ice Rink will reopen on 26 October 2020 in line with COVID secure operational management; subject to government updates and legislation.</p> <p>Memberships for the Ice Rink will restart from 1 November 2020.</p>		

Ice patch and Public booking slots will enable 30 people on the ice at the same time – Including coaches.

Fusion will take learning from the first few weeks off reopening the Ice Rink, which may enable an increase in provision – where safe and viable to do so. Slots will be bookable through Fusions App.

Fusion are looking to re-launch the Skate School from week commencing 2 November 2020.

Reopening communications for the Ice Rink to be finalised and liaison to be completed with the Councils Communications Officer to ensure a joined up approach. **Action GH, by 21.10.20**

Conversations continue between the Council, COSC and Fusion continue to help identify a viable solution for the club at Leys Pools and Leisure Centre.

Work is progressing to develop adapted models and service delivery in future years.

Funding update

Sport England are due to announce further grant funding opportunities ‘Returning to Play’, which is likely to be a highly competitive process in the current COVID-19 scenario.

(<https://www.sportengland.org/news/return-play-fund-launched>) Talks are still underway regarding DCMS funding.

Discussion

Representatives collectively congratulated and thanked Oxford City Council and Fusion for their hard work to open and safely manage the centres. Reciprocated thanks to Representatives for their constructive and valuable contribution to the forum, and help to shape and delivery in these challenging times.

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Risks:

- Changes to Furlough and Job Support Schemes;
- Oxford is currently on Tier 1 (Medium Risk) alert level. New Oxfordshire data published this week, shows an increasing number of cases.

Healthy Aging Programme: Contact lcherry@oxford.gov.uk if you would like further information or to be part of future research projects.

A thank you passed to the Ferry Leisure Centre team from facility users. They are making a valuable difference to physical and mental health, and the experience of users is very positive.

Next meeting: 10 November 2020 10.30am-11.30am Zoom