

**Oxford Leisure Partnership Board Zoom meeting
Tuesday 22 December 10:30am**

| | Initials: | Project Role |
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| Oxford City Council: Ian Brooke Cllr Steve Goddard Lucy Cherry | IB TS CSG | Head of Community Services Shadow Board Member Leisure and Performance Manager |
| Fusion Lifestyle: Graham Ashby | GA | Oxford Contract Manager |
| Representatives: Alistair Skelton Suzanne Jeffery Margaret Simpson Philippa Muir | AS SJ MS PM | City of Oxford Swimming Club British Ice Skating Association Older Persons Representative Hinksey User Group Representative |

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| Apologies for absence: | Cllr Linda Smith - Board Member for Leisure & Parks Ruth James - Ferry User Group Representative Maggie James – Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group Jane De Lange - Oxford Ice Rink Trudy Colwell – Barton User Group Representative Gregg Holland – Fusion Regional Business Manager |
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Oxford City Council update

OCC continue to work closely with Fusion to offer a safe, viable and sustainable offer.

Opening and re-opening of leisure facilities in Oxford is a positive direction of travel in the current climate and budget position, with other statutory services classed as essential services.

OCC has prepared a balanced 2021/22 budget, which will be going out for consultation in the coming weeks. Under the current scenario this is a strong position for OCC to be in; some Local Authorities not being able to balance budgets; meaning that some non-essential services may have to be reduced or stopped.

Closely monitoring the new National Tier arrangements and guidelines. Future changes may pose a risk to major project delivery, with strain on the OCC budget needing to be carefully mitigated.

An evolved broader Locality working structure has been developed across the city communities. The structure is in place to support vulnerable residents.

OCC are working closely with health colleagues, particularly on work for track, trace and testing and Covid vaccination hubs.

Fusion Update

Fusion were successful in their Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS) application.

The loan is assigned to protect the Fusion business over the next three years; not for re-opening facilities. The latter is a consultation process with Locals Authorities across the whole of Fusions estate.

A hybrid wet, dry and Ice offer is being provided at Ferry, Leys Pools and Leisure Centre and Oxford Ice Rink.

Fusion are working with their engineering contactors to identify the fault and rectification required to reinstate the boilers at Ferry Leisure Centre. Fusion meet with their contractors again, 22.12.20.

Fusion are completing feasibility work to look at options for remobilising in the New Year, a limited offer at Barton Leisure Centre and a wet offer at Leys Pools and Leisure Centre. Fusion have started the recruitment process for Barton Leisure Centre.

Visits to Oxford Ice Rink are strong and growing. Fusion are looking at opportunities to extend the interim timetable.

Discussion

Leys Pools & Leisure Centre Solar Car Port design improvement work is due to be completed in the coming weeks. OCC will take learning from this pilot scheme, and where feasible consider opportunities across the wider OCC estate (including leisure facilities).

Fusion are progressing the Hinksey Pool leak repair works. A programme of key milestones for completion are due in the coming weeks. Works are likely to commence in February 2021, subject to clement weather conditions. Preliminary conversations have been for the facility to be open in April 2021.

Options for re-mobilising lunchtime patch sessions at the Ice Rink to be explored. Opportunity for Elite Programme skaters from other Ice Rink facilities to use Oxford facility in the interim (pay and play offer). **Action: GA.** SJ Will share the Elite skaters training guidelines to GA. **Action: SJ**

AOB

OCC launched on 14 December with the new Lord Mayor Councillor Mark Lygo a social media campaign that will run for a year. Through this Cllr Lygo will be filmed taking part in various activities around the city to promote the benefits of moving/being active each day. As part of this campaign Cllr Lygo will be filmed taking part in some of the Fusion activities onsite and using leisure facilities such as the gym (in a COVID secure environment)

Introduction provided for the Hinksey decarbonisation feasibility work commencing by OCC. The Council has been successfully granted circa £1.6m to progress feasibility the work.

OCC are always looking for ways and opportunities to help communities and residents keep active through positive campaign working. Ideas can be emailed to:
sportsandphysicalactivity@oxford.gov.uk

Leisure facility 50+ activity programmes to be sent to MS, to share with older people networks.
Action: GA

Next meeting: TBC Tentative date to be circulated for late January 2021
Action: LC