

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LEISURE and ARTS ADVISORY BOARD

15 July 2008

Report of the Chief Leisure Officer

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 LEISURE FACILITIES – FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Summary

Management information summaries for Larkfield Leisure Centre, Angel Centre, Tonbridge Swimming Pool, Poulton Wood Golf Centre, Tonbridge Castle/Customer Services, Tonbridge Cemetery and Poulton Wood Grounds Maintenance are shown at [Annexes 1 – 7].

1.1 Larkfield Leisure Centre

1.1.1 The Board will note at **[Annex 1]** that the contract is currently above profile by £12,000. Expenditure is above profile by £5,000 due to an overspend in utilities of £11,500. All other areas of expenditure are generally performing to profile. Income is £17,000 above profile, with swimming and courses performing well. Fitness income is trading at 8% below profile although direct debit income in this area has been increasing steadily for the last few months.

1.2 Angel Centre

1.2.1 The Board will note at **[Annex 2]** that this contract is currently below profile by £13,250. Expenditure is above profile by £4,250 and income below profile by £9,000. Fitness income is trading at 7% below profile but again the direct debit income has been increasing over the recent months.

1.3 Tonbridge Swimming Pool

1.3.1 The Board will note at **[Annex 3]** that this contract is currently performing to profile. Expenditure is £23,100 above profile, again due to an overspend in utilities of £16,600. All other areas of expenditure are generally performing to profile. Income is above profile by £22,300 with swimming, courses and catering income all performing well.

1.4 Poulton Wood Golf Centre

1.4.1 Members will note at **[Annex 4]** that green fee income for the Golf Centre at the start of the year has been affected by poor weather in April which caused

cancellations and closures on both the 18-hole and 9-hole courses. May saw an improvement in the weather which was reflected in usage and income slightly exceeding profile. May also saw the inaugural Carrot Wood Open, a charity competition benefiting both the Barnabus Trust and also the Mayor's Charity.

1.5 Tonbridge Castle/Customer Services

1.5.1 The area office continues to be busy with enquiries covering a wide range of Council business. The Castle Gatehouse attraction continues to be popular with both educational and casual visitors.

1.5.2 Members will be aware that in liaison with KCC, the Castle Offices will be developed as a Gateway, providing an enhanced range of services. The Customer Services staff at the Castle are fully involved in the discussions to develop this proposal, which will be the subject of a full report to the appropriate Advisory Board, in due course.

1.6 Tonbridge Cemetery

1.6.1 Members will note that within the first two months of the new financial year, income has steadily remained above profile in all areas of the cemetery operation.

1.7 Poult Wood Grounds Maintenance

1.7.1 The Board will note at **[Annex 7]** that this contract is currently above profile by £2,300 due to savings in most areas of expenditure.

1.8 Legal Implications

1.8.1 None.

1.9 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.9.1 Collectively, the facilities covered by this report generate income and expenditure in excess of £4.5m per annum.

1.10 Risk Assessment

1.10.1 Taking into account the levels of income and expenditure involved, it is essential that the financial performance of the facilities are closely monitored, and any issues are identified and addressed at an early stage. Any significant variations in financial performance could have a major impact on the Council's revenue budget.

1.11 Policy Considerations

1.11.1 Community, Customer Contact.

Background papers:

Nil

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