

<b>Oxford Leisure Partnership Board Zoom meeting Tuesday 26 January 2021 10:30am</b>		
	<b>Initials:</b>	<b>Project Role</b>
<b>Oxford City Council:</b> Ian Brooke Cllr Linda Smith Cllr Liz Wade Lucy Cherry	IB CLS CLW LC	Head of Community Services Board Member for Leisure & Parks Deputising for the Shadow Board Member Leisure and Performance Manager
<b>Fusion Lifestyle:</b> Graham Ashby	GA	Oxford Contract Manager
<b>Representatives:</b> Suzanne Jeffery Margaret Simpson Philippa Muir Ruth James Nicola Brown Jane De Lange James Morbin	SJ MS PM RJ NB JD JB	British Ice Skating Association Older Persons Representative Hinksey User Group Representative Ferry User Group Representative City of Oxford Swimming Club Oxford Ice Rink Leys Pools & Leisure Centre
<b>Apologies for absence:</b>	Cllr Steve Goddard - Shadow Board Member Gregg Holland – Fusion Regional Business Manager	
<b><u>Oxford City Council update</u></b>		
<p>We had made very good progress prior to national lockdown 3.</p> <p>OCC continue to work closely with Fusion to find a way to re-open in a way that provides a safe, viable and sustainable offer.</p> <p>Locality Resource Hubs continue to be embedding well to target local communities and help support local issues.</p> <p>OCC are working hard and closely with health colleagues, on vaccination and testing and community support.</p> <p>Some of Fusion’s furloughed colleagues will be supporting the front line delivery work for a city based Asymptomatic Testing Centre; they have skill sets to enable reactive mobilising. Their involvement will not impact reopening leisure facilities, as resilience is being built in to front line delivery including phasing others in to the asymptomatic testing centre.</p> <p>The Council and Fusion in partnership have submitted an application for National leisure Recovery Funding.</p> <p>IB has been in contact with Sport England regarding criteria for their ‘Return to Play Funding’.</p> <p>The Council had reached a balanced budget position for 2021/22 prior to lockdown three, which is increasing budget pressures.</p>		
<b><u>Fusion Update</u></b>		
<p>GH and GA are currently working on a flexi-furloughed basis.</p> <p>Approximately 98% of Fusion employees remaining in their business are furloughed.</p> <p>Oxford leisure facilities are currently closed; being maintained and inspected in-line with a mothballed management framework; in line with industry guidelines.</p> <p>Fusion has a wellbeing framework in place to support their colleagues during the challenging scenario.</p>		

Fusion are working with their engineering contactors to identify the fault and rectification required to reinstate the boilers at Ferry Leisure Centre. Requirement for Fusion to engage with the Council Energy and Natural Resources Team to ensure that Salix funding and decarbonisation priorities are aligned with replacement. **Action: GA & GH**

Fusion are progressing the Hinksey Outdoor Pool leak repair works. Works are likely to commence in February 2021, subject to clement weather conditions. Fusion pre-season preparation works will also be aligned - where possible - with repair works. Preliminary conversations have been for the facility to be open in April 2021.

### **Discussion**

There is shared ambition to mobilise Hinksey Outdoor Pool as soon as Government guidelines permit, it is safe and viable to do so.

A Hinksey Outdoor Pool User Group pre-season meeting date will be agreed and confirmed subject to detail from government updates. **Action: GA, PM & LC**

Fusion are liaising with key stakeholders to consider a feasible and affordable option for enabling Elite Skaters (those on and moving towards the Olympic Pathway). British Ice Skating Association and national parameters have to be carefully considered. The offer is intrinsically linked to the COVID Tier level relevant at the time in the city. The current national lockdown means an offer is not feasible.

City of Oxford Swimming Club have appealed the Sport England decision to not financially support the club, via their Return to Play Fund application.

The leisure offer, mix of activity and range of access across the city has to be carefully considered, and the Council and Fusion will be meeting w/e/ 29.01.21 to continue discussions. Balance has to reflect a safe, value for money offer that isn't 'at any cost to the local tax payer'. The overarching ambition is to get back to where the city leisure offer was before national lockdown 3, and build on this in the future.

### **AOB**

Awareness was raised on scams circulating relating to vaccinations. Trading Standards awareness collateral will be shared with CLW. **Action: MS**

**Next meeting:** TBC following Government announcements in the coming weeks  
**Action: LC**