

Oxford Leisure Partnership Board Zoom meeting Wednesday 31 st March 2021 14:30pm		
	Initials:	Project Role
Oxford City Council: Ian Brooke Cllr Linda Smith Cllr Steve Goddard	IB CLS CSG	Head of Community Services Board Member for Leisure & Parks Shadow Board Member
Fusion Lifestyle: Gregg Holland Graham Ashby	GH GA	Fusion Regional Business Manager Oxford Contract Manager
Representatives: Suzanne Jeffery Margaret Simpson Philippa Muir Ruth James Nicola Brown Jo Mundy Jane De Lange James Morbin	SJ MS PM RJ NB JM JD JB	British Ice Skating Association Older Persons Representative Hinksey User Group Representative Ferry User Group Representative City of Oxford Swimming Club Oxford City Stars Oxford Ice Rink Leys Pools & Leisure Centre
Apologies for absence:	Lucy Cherry - Leisure And Performance Manager	
<u>Oxford City Council update</u>		
<p>OCC continue to work closely with Fusion to start to reopen facilities from the 12th April in line with the changes in restrictions. A press release has been sent out detailing the plans for reopening Leisure Centres in Oxford.</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 have been supporting the front line delivery work for a city based Asymptomatic Testing Centre.</p>		
<u>Fusion Update</u>		
<p>Hinksey Pool reopened on the 29th March 2021, which was much appreciated by its users. Some maintenance issues were discovered which caused the water to be unheated for the opening but this has now been rectified.</p> <p>PM raised issues by the Hinksey User Group and they have been noted by Fusion GA Action: any that have not been rectified will be shortly.</p> <p>PM also wanted to express the User Group gratitude to OCC and Fusion for opening Hinksey earlier this year.</p> <p>From the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12th April 2021 more Oxford leisure facilities will reopen under operational restraints • 17th May 2021 indoor group exercise classes can resume • 21st June the aim is for the Oxford offering to be back to near normal. <p>A recruitment drive led by GA will run in Oxford to replace employees lost during lockdown through redundancy's and furloughed staff seeking new employment.</p> <p>GH stated that projections for usage across Fusion have had to be constantly rewritten to try and get an accurate projection of figures. This is being done alongside the Local Authorities Fusion is partnered with.</p>		

Discussion

SJ and SG asked Fusion whether it would be possible to open the Ice Rink sooner in line with the Ice Rink Managers Association guidance as other Rinks are planning to. **Action: GA and GH agreed to meet with SJ and SG to discuss how they can work towards a way to reopening earlier.**

MS fed back issues from users around changing facilities being closed at sites and concerns around indoor activities she suggested many over 50's would prefer outdoor activities instead. GA said that both OCC and Fusion are working hard to increase outdoor activities that they are able to facilitate. The outdoor gym and exercises classes are already running at Hinksey heated Outdoor Pool and the Council Go Active Outdoor programme continues to be popular.

AOB

Fusion have appointed 2 new General Managers for Hinksey heated Outdoor Pool and Barton Leisure Centre and Ferry Leisure Centre.

Next meeting: TBC

Action: LC