

**Oxford Leisure Partnership Board Zoom meeting
Wednesday 17th November 2021 2:00PM**

	Initials:	Project Role
Oxford City Council:		
Stephen Gabriel	SG	Executive Director for Communities and People
Ian Brooke	IB	Head of Community Services
Cllr Liz Wade	CLW	Deputy Shadow Member for Leisure
Lucy Cherry	LC	Leisure and Performance Manager
Jasmin Carne	JC	Communities Support Officer
Paul Spencer	PS	Energy & Carbon Manager
Claire Keen	CK	Communications Officer
Fusion Lifestyle:		
Graham Ashby	GA	Fusion Oxford Contract Manager
Lewis Campbell	LG	General Manager Leys Pool & Leisure Centre
Charlie Clements	CC	General Manager Barton Leisure Centre & Hinksey heated Outdoor Pool
Representatives:		
Margaret Simpson	MS	Older Persons Representative
Nicola Brown	NB	City of Oxford Swimming Club
Dee Keane	JM	Deputising for the Hinksey User Group Representative
Suzanne Jeffery	SJ	British Ice Skating Association – Ice Rink Representative

Apologies for absence:	Cllr Steve Goddard - Shadow Board Member James Morbin – Leys Pools and Leisure Centre Representative Tayyaba Hameed - Community Stakeholder Representative Greig Box-Turnbull - Oxford City Stars Ice Hockey Philippa Muir - Hinksey User Group Representative Ruth James - Ferry Leisure Centre User Group Representative Gregg Holland - Fusion Regional Business Manager Shem Hunter & Kaya Solomon – Young People Representatives Maggie James – Oxford Clinical Commissioning Group	
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Oxford City Council update

OCC are focussing on balancing the 2022/23 budget, resident support via the Locality Hubs and maintaining service delivery.

Key notes:

- Working through challenges for a balanced budget for 2022-23.
- Efficient sites and buildings.
- Delivering a support grant via Locality Hubs to residents experiencing food and energy insecurity.
- Keeping services and buildings up and running.

Fusion’s Annual service plan: Looking ahead:

Fusions annual service plan for April 2022-April 2023 will be designed in partnership with OCC. This is likely to be a broader and simplified plan for 2022/23 due to capacity challenges for Fusion at the current time.

Key additional focus area:

Inclusivity & accessibility	Customer Excellence and focus	Community & locality engagement, working & outreach
Improvement in getting the basics right first time	Community & locality fit for purpose activity offer and programmes	Repairs, Maintenance & Lifecycle replacement
A financially sustainable offer	Addressing health inequalities	Participation

Fusion Update

Key site updates:

Oxford Ice Rink: - Partnership working with OCC to replace energy efficient lighting and fittings over the Ice Pad. Aiming to complete installation of early in the New Year 2022.

Hinksey heated Outdoor Pool: Currently closed during the winter months. The Water Source Heat Pump decarbonisation scheme is progressing in line with key milestones.

Leys Pool & Leisure Centre: Pools closed from 8 Nov to enable phase 1 of the Air Source Heat Pump decarbonisation scheme to be completed. Re-opening is expected in January 2022. The rest of the centre remains open.

Barton Pool: All wet and dry activities operating. Currently hosting the Ferry Swim School, which will return to Ferry in January 2022.

Ferry Leisure Centre: Following phase 2 completion of the decarbonisation scheme and enabling works, the main pool re-opened this week; the learner pool is due to in the coming days. The rest of the facility remains open.

Recruitment:

- A number of vacancies across all activity offers and centres (this is also a wider national industry challenge)
- Work is taking place to link in with colleges and other relevant stakeholders to support recruitment into posts
- OCC is continuing to support Fusion through their internal processes and network partners.

Leisure Decarbonisation Schemes

An introduction was delivered by PS. The four leisure decarbonisation schemes are taking place at Barton, Ferry and the Leys Pools and Leisure Centres, and Hinksey heated Outdoor Pool.

JC to circulate the presentation given by PS with the meeting notes

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1. 15 skaters from Oxford Ice Rink are taking part in the British Championships.
2. Winter Olympics and 'Dancing on Ice' (ITV) are taking place in January and February 2022 – a good time for recruitment.
3. A gap in activities for older people – any suggestions to be sent to **MS**.
4. There are difficulties for transport for older people in the city. Fusion to have a conversation with bus companies. **GA**
5. Link to [STAnd Up For Swimming](#) article.
6. IB's [link](#) to climate change in the Covid recovery of sport & leisure.

Next Zoom meeting: TBC