

**LEISURE (PFI) BOARD MEETING held at 10.00 am on 15 MAY 2001 at
COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN**

Present: Councillor A R Row – Chairman.
Councillors R A E Clifford and A J Ketteridge.

Officers in attendance: Mrs E Forbes, Mrs L Bunting, Ms K Chapman,
J B Dickson and Mrs S McLagan.

PFI 88 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor R J Copping.

PFI 89 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure (PFI) Board held on 1 May 2001 were received, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

PFI 90 BUSINESS ARISING

(i) Minute PFI 81 – PFI Forum

The Project Manager reported that the PFI Forum had now been arranged for 26 June 2001. Representatives from Dunmow Town Council, Stansted Parish Council, Saffron Walden Town Council and Members of the Council would be invited. The Chief Executive suggested that all parish councils should also be invited.

In answer to a question from the Chairman, the Project Manager said that the Focus Group mentioned in a local newspaper recently consisted of representatives and customers of DC Leisure. The Group held meetings at which customer care was discussed. Details of the PFI scheme had been provided to the Group and their queries had been answered.

(ii) Minute PFI 83 – BMX Track

A meeting had been held with Saffron Walden Town Council regarding the proposed BMX track, which had been productive. Four sites had been earmarked as possible venues for the track. The Town Council were now looking at the lease of land rather than the purchase.

PFI 91 UPDATE FROM SENIOR OFFICER LEISURE BOARD

The Project Manager reported that on 3 May 2001 a presentation had been given to Members of the Council on the PFI scheme. The presentation had been attended by about half of the Members. The same presentation would be given to those Members who could not attend the 3 May meeting on 15 May 2001.

A special meeting of the Council was to be held on 4 June 2001 for Members to discuss the funding requirements of the PFI Project. A discussion took place on the format of the presentation to be made at the meeting.

After further discussion it was

RECOMMENDED that

- 1 the Council approve budgetary provision for the PFI scheme of up to £250k per annum contribution from the revenue budget inflated at a maximum of 1% above inflation, and
- 2 up to £1m contribution in year 10, if required, in addition to the £2.75m in 2002 previously approved.

PFI 92 **PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH LINTEUM LEISURE**

The Project Manager reported on a meeting with Linteum Leisure. An action list had been produced from previous meetings concerning legal issues and the concession agreement. A detailed timetable would now be prepared and circulated.

A full Council meeting would be held on 18 June for the agreement of the contract. A discussion then took place on the amount of publicity that would be required.

PFI 93 **SCHOOLS UPDATE**

(i) Helena Romanes School

A meeting had been held at which the management agreement had been discussed. The meeting had proved successful and unsettled issues had now been resolved. There were no other major matters outstanding.

(ii) Stansted Mountfitchet School

There were no outstanding issues with the School. Final usage figures were being discussed with the Head Teacher.

PFI 94 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

A briefing meeting will be held on 4 June at 7.00 pm before the Special Council meeting.

The meeting ended at 11.05 am.