

**LEISURE (PFI) BOARD MEETING held at 6.00 pm on 16 OCTOBER 2001
at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN**

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

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

PFI 133 APOLOGIES

None.

PFI 134 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure (PFI) Board held on 24 September 2001 were received, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

PFI 135 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising that would not be discussed later in the meeting.

PFI 136 UPDATE FROM SENIOR OFFICER LEISURE BOARD

The Project Manager reported that Linteum had been seeking nominations for two independent people who may be prepared to be IPS Members. Three suggestions had been received, these were discussed and it was agreed that one of the people suggested would be appropriate. Further consideration would be given to this matter at the next Leisure Board meeting.

PFI 137 UPDATE ON LINTEUM LEISURE

The Project Manager reported that the NIB Capital Bank had appointed various Technical Advisors. A two day joint meeting between representatives of Linteum and the Council would be taking place on 8 and 9 November, the aim of this would be to discuss and resolve all outstanding issues in relation to the project.

The Chairman, Cllr Copping, Cllr Row and the Officers who had attended the visit to the Loddon Valley Leisure Centre (Operated by Leisure Connection and built by Pellikaan) felt that the facilities and services provided had been very impressive.

PFI 138 **SCHOOLS UPDATE**

(i) **Helena Romanes School**

The Project Manager and Head of Community and Leisure Services had met with the Head Teacher, Chairman of Governors and Chairman of the Schools PFI Sub Committee on 15 October to update them on the progress of the project. It had been agreed that similar meetings would occur on a regular basis to resolve any outstanding issues.

(ii) **Stansted Mountfitchet School**

The Head Teacher was in the process of arranging a meeting of the Schools Governors Sub Committee dealing with the project.

PFI 139 **REPORT ON CONSULTANCY COSTS**

The Director of Resources gave an update on Consultancy and other Legal Costs. He explained that the various problems, which had been experienced in relation to the project, had led to an increase in the amount of funding which would be required for Consultants. Further funding would also be required in relation to Legal Fees relating to the Helena Romanes School. It was estimated that the additional funding requirement was £70,000. The Director of Resources noted that there was a provision of £29,000 relating to leisure and the remaining £41,000 could be funded from Reserves. The funding issue was discussed in detail and it was unanimously agreed that subject to the provision of further detailed information to the Board:

- (i) The Community and Leisure Committee be asked to approve the virement of £29,000 to the PFI budget
- (ii) The Resources Committee to be asked to approve the use of £41,000 from Reserves to cover Consultancy costs.

PFI 140 **ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT**

The Chairman raised the issue of various letters of complaint which had appeared in local newspapers about the Lord Butler Fitness and Leisure Centre. The Head of Community and Leisure reported that various issues were being dealt with by the Head of Leisure and it was hoped that the situation would be improved.

PFI 141 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Friday 16 November 12 noon in Committee Room.

The meeting ended at 7.20 pm.