

LEISURE (PFI) BOARD MEETING held at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN on 8 APRIL 2002 at 10.30 am

Present: Councillor A R Row – Chairman.
Councillor R J Copping.

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

PFI 167 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R A E Clifford and A J Ketteridge.

PFI 168 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure (PFI) Board held on 20 February 2002 were received, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

PFI 169 BUSINESS ARISING

(i) Minute PFI 161 – (ii) Lord Butler Fitness and Leisure Centre

The Project Manager reported on the work to be undertaken to resolve the problem of cleanliness in the wet change area. She explained that the changing cubicles would be removed in order for the tiled area to be replaced with new tiles. The cubicles would then be re-erected. This work would be paid for from within the Capital Programme.

(ii) Minute PFI 166 – DC Leisure – TUPE List

The Project Manager reported on a meeting held with DC Leisure at which all the required information had been provided.

PFI 170 UPDATE ON MEETINGS OF THE SENIOR OFFICER BOARD

The Project Manager updated Members on recent meetings of the Senior Officer Board. Work on the contract documents was currently being completed and any outstanding issues were being dealt with.

Councillor Copping expressed concern at the delay in reaching a final completion date for the signing of the contractual documentation. The Project Manager stated that all those involved were fully aware of the timescales and that they were committed to reaching final close. She then described the procedure regarding the final close of the contract which would take place in London.

PFI 171 REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL ON 27 FEBRUARY 2002

Councillor Copping considered that the response from Members to the report presented at the full Council meeting in February had been understanding and supportive. The Chief Executive said that she had been pleased that the Council meeting had been so constructive.

PFI 172 SCHOOLS UPDATE

The Project Manager reported that the leases for school land had now been authorised and there were no other outstanding issues. The schools would be informed of the delay in contractual close.

PFI 173 CONSULTANCY COSTS – LEGAL FEES

The Senior Legal Officer reported that he was still awaiting a breakdown of costs from Devonshires.

PFI 174 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

A provisional date for the next meeting was set for 24 April 2002 at 10.00 am.

The meeting ended at 11.15 am.