LEISURE (PFI) BOARD MEETING held at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN on 24 APRIL 2002 at 10.00 am

Present: Councillor R J Copping – Chairman.

Councillors R A E Clifford, A J Ketteridge and A R Row.

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

Also in attendance: David Steele – Linteum Limited.

PFI 175 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure (PFI) Board held on 8 April 2002 were received, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

PFI 176 BUSINESS ARISING

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

The Project Manager reported that the replacement of the floor tiles in the wet change area would be included in the contractor proposals as part of the PFI project and undertaken at the conclusion of refurbishment to the Centre. Councillor Ketteridge requested that, until the work was completed, Leisure Centre staff ensured that the area in question was kept clean. An assurance was given that, within staff limitations, the area would be cleaned regularly.

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

The Project Manager reported that there were no issues outstanding with regard to this item.

PFI 177 UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH LINTEUM AND FINANCIAL/CONTRACTUAL CLOSE

The Chairman welcomed David Steele of Linteum Leisure to the meeting. Mr Steele was in attendance to clarify the current position regarding the contractual and financial close. Following a detailed discussion with Members, the Chairman thanked Mr Steele for clarifying the situation. Mr Steele then left the meeting.

PFI 178 SCHOOLS UPDATE

(i) Helena Romanes

The Project Manager and the Senior Legal Officer summarised recent issues relating to the Helena Romanes School.

(ii) Mountfitchet High School

With the exception of a minor car parking matter, there were no further outstanding issues at the school.

PFI 179 CONSULTANCY COSTS – LEGAL FEES

The Senior Legal Officer updated Members on matters relating to legal fees. The latest invoice for the month of April was awaited from Devonshires.

PFI 180 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Project Manager referred to the amount of work that had been undertaken by the Senior Legal Officer on the project whilst keeping up with his normal workload. She said how much his commitment had been appreciated.

PFI 181 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Project Manager would advise Members of a date for the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 11.00 am.