

# Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel

Agenda  
Item:

**A.3**

Meeting Date: 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Portfolio: Culture, Heritage and Leisure  
Key Decision: Not Applicable:  
Within Policy and  
Budget Framework No  
Public / Private Public

Title: GREENWICH LEISURE LTD POST COVID RECOVERY  
REBUILD  
Report of: The Deputy Chief Executive  
Report Number: CS 20/21

### **Purpose / Summary:**

This report presents an overview Greenwich Leisure Limited's (GLL) recovery plan for their events and leisure operations within the Carlisle City Council contract.

### **Recommendations:**

The Panel are asked to scrutinise the update report provided by GLL.

### **Tracking**

Executive:	N/A
Scrutiny:	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Council:	N/A

## **1. BACKGROUND**

1.1. Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL), trading under their brand Better Leisure, provide an events and leisure offer for the residents and visitors to Carlisle District

1.2. GLL manage various sites under the contract:

- The Sands Centre - Fitness (Gym and classes), Sports Halls and Events – currently under redevelopment with Leisure relocated to the old Newman School on Lismore Place.
- The Pools, James St - Swimming and Fitness (Gym)
- The Sheepmount - Athletics, Football and Fitness (Gym)

1.3. GLL also operate other sites in Carlisle District on behalf of others:

- Harraby Sports Campus - Artificial sports pitches and sports hall
- Trinity School Leisure - Swimming and Fitness (Gym)

## **2. IMPACT OF COVID**

2.1. The coronavirus pandemic has severely impacted all events and leisure operators through the closure of these services through law. The following gives an outline of the closures:

- All centres closed 20th March – 25th July
- 25th July onwards limited operation - (gym & class) Newman, Sheepmount for Athletics Club sessions only
- 3rd August - Carlisle Pools Open
- September - Outdoor Sports and Swim Lessons restart
- All centres closed 3rd Nov – 2nd Dec
- 2nd – 30th Dec open under Tier 2 restrictions.
- 18th – 24th Panto
- Centre Closure 30th Dec – Present

## **3. SUPPORT**

3.1. During the first closure of leisure/events between March and August Carlisle City Council agreed to work on an open book basis with GLL and cover losses above the management fee.

3.2. No additional requests were made by GLL above the agreed management fee due to prudent management by GLL, government Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme support, grant support and previously agreed additional fees to manage gym facilities away from The Sands Centre during the redevelopment.

3.3. GLL successfully applied for a £167k grant under the Cultural Recovery Fund through Arts Council England.

3.4. Carlisle City Council successfully applied for a £235k National Leisure Recovery Fund Grant on behalf of the Leisure Operators, which is being transferred to GLL. Note this also includes their other Leisure sites of Harraby Sports Campus and Trinity Leisure.

#### **4. GLL COVID REBUILD PLANS**

4.1. See Appendix 1 GLL Restart 2021 presentation

#### **5. CONTRIBUTION TO THE CARLISLE PLAN PRIORITIES**

5.1. "Further develop sports, arts and cultural facilities to support the health and wellbeing of our residents"

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**Appendices  
attached to report:**

**Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:**

- **None**

#### **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:**

**LEGAL –**

**FINANCE –**

**EQUALITY –**

**INFORMATION GOVERNANCE –**

# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Restart 2021

# AGENDA

1. Current Position
2. Restart Focus
3. Opening Plan
4. Pools Reopening Roadmap
5. Dry Activity Reopening Roadmap
6. Events
7. Health

# CURRENT POSITION

- All City Council Centres remain closed – The Newman facility is open for MSK patient access only.
- A core staff body of part furloughed team members maintain the centres. All other staff are furloughed
- GLL have been successful in gaining Art Council England Funding which help secure the Sands Events provision up to March 2021. A second Round of Funding has been applied for to cover up to June 2021.
- We have jointly been successful in securing Sport England funding to cover the centre operations up to March 2021, with discussion how that funding can support longer term operations ongoing.
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Trinity Leisure Centre and Harraby Sports Campus are available for their specific school use in line with Government Guidance.
- Morton Leisure Centre lease has been surrendered back to the Academy.

# RESTART FOCUS



# GLL OPENING PLAN

- March 8<sup>th</sup> - Support Dual Use Centres ([38 centres](#)). **Including Trinity Leisure Centre and Harraby Sports Campus – for School use only**
- March 28<sup>th</sup> – the reopening of [83 outdoor](#) venues. – **Including Harraby Sports Campus and Sheepmount Athletics Stadium for outdoor sports only. We will also introduce some limited outdoor group exercise sessions at Newman.**
- April 12<sup>th</sup> – Following the reopening of the indoor venues, alongside outdoor we estimate GLL will open [228 venues](#). **Including Carlisle Pools for Swimming activities only, Sands at Newman for gym and jnr club activities.**
- May 17<sup>th</sup> - majority of activities available such as indoor Group Exercise, and organised indoor sport for adults returns.
- June 21<sup>st</sup> – Social bookings for adults are permitted. **Including Sands Events**

# POOLS REOPENING ROADMAP

29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL?

17<sup>TH</sup> MAY?

21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE?

## STEP 1

OPEN AND  
OUTDOOR  
SWIMMING  
ONLY  
SWIMMING

## STEP 2

SWIM FOR FITNESS

SWIM FOR ALL

SWIMMING CLUBS (JUNIOR)

OUTDOOR ADULT SWIMMING  
CLUBS

SWIM SCHOOL (JUNIOR)

SWIMBIES

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SCHOOLS SWIMMING

## STEP 3

ADULT SWIMMING  
CLASSES

WATER WORKOUT

SWIMMING CLUBS  
ADULT

LEISURE FEATURES  
/AQUASPLASH\*

## STEP 4

STRONGER LEANER  
BETTER POOL  
PROGRAMMES

GUIDANCE/  
CAPACITY REVIEWS

# DRY ACTIVITY REOPENING ROADMAP

29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

## STEP 1

SCHOOLS\* (8<sup>th</sup> March)

OUTDOOR TENNIS

OUTDOOR FOOTBALL

ATHLETICS TRACKS

OUTDOOR  
HOCKEY/NETBALL

12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL?

## STEP 2

GYMNASTICS

BADMINTON\*

INDOOR TENNIS\*

SQUASH\*

OTHER LESSONS &  
COURSES (JUNIOR)

INDOOR SPORTS CLUB  
USE JUNIOR ONLY

17<sup>TH</sup> MAY?

## STEP 3

INDOOR ADULT LESSONS

INDOOR ADULT SPORTS  
CLUB

BADMINTON

SQUASH

ICE

INDOOR EVENTS WITH  
REDUCED CAPACITY

21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE?

## STEP 4

NORMAL OPERATIONS  
RESUME?

PROGRAMME REVIEW

SOCIAL SESSIONS

LARGE EVENTS RESUME

# EVENTS – 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE

- Option to operate at 50% capacity from 17<sup>th</sup> May. - No promoters were able to make this viable so we will reopen on the 21<sup>st</sup> June when capacities are able to return to pre-covid levels
- Limited service initially from the Portcabins for refreshments.
- Build Programme means there are no events during the Substantive Work Period periods of:
  - 2021 Monday July 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 2021.
  - 2022 Monday July 18<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 2022.
- 92 Events are confirmed between September and December 2021

# BETTER HEALTH

- The nations health will become a key focus area post Covid-19.
- The Government (PHE) have launched their '**Better Health**' strategy with significant promotion and advertising.
- GLL is aligned to Better Health but will review and ensure we able to refocus key Health streams.
- Future funding opportunities with Sport England/NHS/Public Health are likely to be focused on the health agenda.

**NHS**



**Better  
Health**

**LET'S  
DO THIS**

# HEALTH VISION

## Better Health for Me

We know that everyone is unique. What works for one may not work for another - and we welcome that.

## Schools and Community Groups

Our schools programme offers a range of activities to support the curriculum in helping children and young people to get off to the right start in life.

## Community Stories

Our communities are at the heart of our vision and drive how we get there and what we do. We want to share their stories.



## CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

## Sports Clubs

Through sport we can support individuals and communities to thrive and be their best and will continue to innovate and be creative in developing partnerships and opportunities from a grassroots level to elite sport.

## Workplace Health

It's not just about being more physically active; eating the right way, fostering a healthy culture and getting the right balance between work and life are all important to supporting your staff to feel valued.

## Support the Movement

Whether its creating a community garden or supporting sports teams, we are always looking for ways to help make communities better.

**ANY QUESTIONS**

