

(CCC) Leisure Services

Definitions

authority – a borough or council

contractor – a non local authority organisation providing services to an authority

management arrangement – a contract (existing, or that may be temporarily postponed because of

the pandemic) to provide services under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act

1976 Section 19 to manage leisure centres

Under FOI provisions I ask

(where I ask for numbers the nearest 1000 is sufficient precision)

a) does the authority have an arrangement with Greenwich Leisure Ltd a mutual society with:

registration number: IP27793R

registered address: Middlegate House, 1 Seymour Street, The Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, SE18 6SX

if the answer is negative the following question do not apply.

b) what is the population size of the authority?

c) in 2019 (or 2018 if the figures for 2019) how many users used the authority's leisure services

managed by the contractor?

d) approximately how many users used leisure services not managed by the contractor (I am thinking non leisure centre weekend football etc)

d) for 2018/19 (or 2018/19 if the 2018/19 authority accounts are not published) what is

i the total authority revenue

ii the total authority expenditure

iii the income received for leisure services (this is the income received from leisure services

that are not managed by the contractor)?

iv the cost of providing those services (e.g. maintaining football pitches)

v the financial impact to the authority of the management arrangement with Greenwich

Leisure Ltd – i.e. quantify the amount that the management arrangement generates income or is an expense)

vi does Greenwich Leisure Ltd provide any services outside the management

FOI Ref

Response sent

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arrangement

(if yes please detail the financial impact as per the above analysis)

Leisure centres have been closed for several months in 2020 due to the pandemic. Although some of the leisure centre services have re-opened in the last few weeks the number of users is managed in order to de-risk spreading covid 19.

e) will the authority be compensating Greenwich Leisure Ltd for loss of income during closure and

if so by what amount?

f) will the authority be paying the contractor any additional monies not provided by the terms of the contract

g) if providing compensation what is the justification (e.g. a force majeure clause in the contract)

g) please provide any other information that the authority considers relevant (for example, on a scale of 1 – bad to 5 – very satisfactory how would the authority rate the partnership with

Greenwich Leisure Ltd with reference to “Best Value Statutory Guidance” ; I anticipate that the authority will rely on the commercially sensitive exclusion which I would not challenge through the Information Commissioner but provide the example as a possible guide)

Response:

a) does the authority have an arrangement with Greenwich Leisure Ltd a mutual society with: registration number: IP27793R registered address: Middlegate House, 1 Seymour Street, The Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, SE18 6SX. YES Cambridge City Council are in contract with GLL to provide Leisure Services at the council owned facilities within the City. A 10 year contract from Oct 2013 – Oct 2023.

b) what is the population size of the authority?

124,000

c) in 2019 (or 2018 if the figures for 2019) how many users used the authority's leisure services managed by the contractor?

1,151,000 visits

d) approximately how many users used leisure services not managed by the contractor (I am thinking non leisure centre weekend football etc)

The authority does not keep or hold this data

d) for 2018/19 (or 2018/19 if the 2018/19 authority accounts are not published) what is

i) the total authority revenue -

<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/statement-of-accounts>

ii) the total authority expenditure -

<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/statement-of-accounts>

This information is freely available on our website see links above.

iii) the income received for leisure services (this is the income received from leisure services that are not managed by the contractor)?

N/A our facilities are all under the Leisure contract including pitch hires across the City and GLL take all the income.

iv) the cost of providing those services (e.g. maintaining football pitches) £40,000 grass cutting, pitch marking & Nets provided by inhouse grounds maintenance teams.

v) the financial impact to the authority of the management arrangement with Greenwich Leisure Ltd – i.e. quantify the amount that the management arrangement generates income or is an expense)

£495,000 per annum as a payment to GLL to manage all our facilities, this is paid on a monthly basis in arrears.

vi) does Greenwich Leisure Ltd provide any services outside the management arrangement (if yes please detail the financial impact as per the above analysis)

Not to this local authority but GLL do run the Ice Rink for a local charitable trust

<https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/cambridge/cambridge-ice-arena>

e) will the authority be compensating Greenwich Leisure Ltd for loss of income during closure and if so by what amount?

Not loss of income per se, but is looking to contribute to a final account balance at the end of the year based on open book accounting. It is not fully calculated to date and will be an end of year reckoning in March / April 2021. The Local authority also continues to pay the full monthly management fee during the pandemic lock down.

f) will the authority be paying the contractor any additional monies not provided by the terms of the contract.

Potentially – see response to question e) for an additional financial contribution over the management fee.

g) if providing compensation what is the justification (e.g. a force majeure clause in the contract)

A Force Majeure / Change in Law clause, for open book accounting to assess business impacts for any identified event.

h) please provide any other information that the authority considers relevant (for example, on a scale of 1 – bad to 5 – very satisfactory how would the authority rate the partnership with Greenwich Leisure Ltd with reference to “Best Value Statutory Guidance”

Satisfaction level – 5 Very satisfactory