



<b>REPORT TO:</b>	PERFORMANCE MONITORING PANEL
<b>DATE:</b>	4 JULY 2023
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	PEELE LEISURE CENTRE
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	TO PROVIDE THE PANEL WITH AN UPDATE ON VOLLEYBALL EQUIPMENT PROVISION
<b>KEY DECISION:</b>	N/A
<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	CLLR GARY TAYLOR – PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR STRATEGIC HOUSING, LEISURE CENTRE DELIVERY & SPALDING TOWN IMPROVEMENT
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	COMMUNITIES - LEISURE AND CULTURE
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<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	ALL
<b>EXEMPT REPORT?</b>	NO

#### **SUMMARY**

This report provides Members of the Panel with an update on the provision of Volleyball equipment at the Peele Leisure Centre.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

- That Members note the current position for the provision of Volleyball equipment at the Peele Leisure Centre.

#### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

This report provides Members of the Panel with an update on the current position for the provision of Volleyball at the Peele Leisure Centre.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None

### 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In November 2016 the recommendations from the Final Report of the Swimming Pool and Leisure Facilities Contract Task Group were approved by the Cabinet. Since 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 six monthly progress updates on the recommendations were given to Performance Monitoring Panel.
- 1.2 The Peele Leisure Centre was built by Lincolnshire County Council, and opened in 2006, when South Holland District Council agreed a lease term of 21 years for operating the facility within its leisure contract. Following the inception of the University Academy Long Sutton, responsibilities for maintenance are now split between the two responsible parties and are laid out in the lifecycle maintenance and replacement responsibility matrix within the lease. Any fixing points to structure of fixed sports or gymnasium equipment, is listed as the responsibility of the University Academy Long Sutton.
- 1.3 The Peele Leisure Centre sports hall incorporates a Volleyball court with fixings for the net posts, in the Granwood Block floor, and following these fixings failing, the Panel has requested an update report on the Leisure Contractors progress in supplying replacement Volleyball equipment.

### 2. REPORT

- 2.1 The Peele Leisure Centre volleyball court is used on a weekly basis by a club, but at the end of March had to be taken out of use following the pins, which secure the net poles in the Granwood Block floor, becoming worn, preventing the posts being secured in place safely. A picture of one of the securing pins is shown below:



- 2.2 The fixings are cemented into the floor, requiring a repair from a company with experience of working with sports hall floors, and following the failing, Parkwood Leisure approached companies for quotes. The works quoted, have been reported as being over £1,000, with a lead in time of at least two months. Parkwood also reported that consideration needs to be made to ensure the integrity of the existing floor is maintained, in order to limit the impact on all other activities within the sports hall, including Academy programming, when works are able to be progressed.
- 2.3 Whilst exploratory work were undertaken, Parkwood reported that it would offer the Club space at Castle Sports Complex at 20:15 on Wednesdays, and were prepared to offer a discount for the inconvenience, but the club needed an option that kept them playing at the Peele. Once the scale of the work needed was known, Parkwood looked for a temporary solution and initially approached the Spalding volleyball club to see if it had any freestanding units that could be borrowed in the interim, but unfortunately they didn't. Parkwood subsequently ordered free standing posts from the company's preferred supplier list, in line with company policy and procedure.
- 2.4 Following options being discussed with the Peele volleyball club, the club decided to utilise its weekly booked slot to play badminton for the duration, whilst replacement posts were purchased.
- 2.5 The order for replacement free standing posts was placed in April, but a date for delivery was not forthcoming and on chasing again on the 17<sup>th</sup> May, Parkwood were informed that the expected date of delivery was now to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> July.
- 2.6 Officers then worked with Parkwood to find a prospective alternative supplier, and once a suitable supplier was identified, Parkwood agreed to circumvent its normal policy and procedure, in order to get freestanding posts on site for the 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

### **3. CONTRACTUAL POSITION**

- 3.1 Council Officers intervened on the 25<sup>th</sup> May, due to the length of time being reported by Parkwood to find a suitable alternative equipment option that would enable the club to continue playing volleyball at the Peele Leisure Centre. Parkwood were advised at this time, that contractually there could be a failure to provide service.
- 3.2 Whilst it was accepted that Parkwood ordered the freestanding posts within the policy and procedure set out by the company, and that the repairs to the floor were the responsibility of the Academy, initial questions were raised on whether Parkwood could have:
1. Done more to interact with the Academy and Club,
  2. Sought permissions to use an alternative supplier, as soon as it was known that the preferred supplier could not fulfil the order in a reasonable timeframe.
- 3.3 On investigating the responsibilities for the repairs to the floor within the lifecycle maintenance and replacement responsibility matrix, any fixing points to structure of fixed sports or gymnasium equipment, is listed as the responsibility of the University Academy Long Sutton to repair. On discussing this aspect, Parkwood reported that following the retirement of a member of staff from the University Academy, who was their link for such

matters, it has been difficult to get repairs reported to the appropriate person at the Academy.

- 3.3 To support both the Academy and Parkwood moving forward, along with other matters, Officers have set up a meeting with the Academy for the 28<sup>th</sup> June, which will include discussions on repair and maintenance needs, and the resetting of suitable day to day contacts for Parkwood Leisure.

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 This report provides Members of the Panel with an update on the provision of Volleyball at the Peele Leisure Centre.

#### **5. EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP**

- 5.1 None arising from this report.

### **IMPLICATIONS**

#### **6. SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL'S PARTNERSHIP**

- 6.1 To achieve approved outcomes for the inequalities evident in our local communities the S&ELCP has identified 7 connected as outlined in the main body of this report, by taking this approach the Partnership will be able to improve outcomes at a strategic sub-regional level and a local level.

#### **7. CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

- 7.1 The provision of a Leisure offer contributes to the Council's Corporate Priorities of:

- **Your Place** – Lead, enable and embed the provision of a range of improved local community, cultural, arts, and newly contracted leisure facilities that support the enhanced wellbeing of South Holland's communities
- **Your Health & Wellbeing** – Target our leisure facilities to provide a programme of activities to tackle obesity and inactivity in South Holland.

#### **8. STAFFING**

- 8.1 None.

#### **9. CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 None.

#### **10. DATA PROTECTION**

- 10.1 None.

#### **11. FINANCIAL**

- 11.1 There are no financial implications relating directly to this report.

#### **12. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 12.1 None.

**13. STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES**

13.1 None.

**14. REPUTATION**

14.1 None.

**15. CONTRACTS**

15.1 Parkwood Leisure are subject to the terms and conditions of contract.

**16. CRIME AND DISORDER**

16.1 None.

**17. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING**

17.1 None.

**18. HEALTH AND WELL BEING**

18.1 To achieve approved outcomes for the health and wellbeing inequalities evident in our local communities the S&ELCP has identified 7 connected as outlined in the main body of this report, by taking this approach the Partnership will be able to improve outcomes at a strategic sub-regional level and a local level.

**19. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

19.1 None.

**20. ACRONYMS**

20.1 None.

<b>APPENDICES</b>	
Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -	
<b>None</b>	

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