

Councillors and Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group

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Subject: Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group.

I am writing to you regarding the Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group.

The first report regarding this matter was commissioned in early 2014. It is now 2020 - 7 years on.

I would request that your constituents are represented regarding this matter and the following be addressed in the terms of reference and/or agenda -

1. Why no representation on the group from Busby, Clarkston, Netherlee, Williamwood ? How will these Residents have their views/requirements represented?
2. The Councils inability to maintain the existing complex(if the Council had spent money on maintaining the existing complex, there would not be such an urgent need for new build replacement)
3. The Councils inability to maintain any new Leisure Complex and/or buildings in Eastwood Park
4. What is the cost of the continuing support by consultants?
5. What input from Residents/Leisure Centre Users? Why Membership of group should not include Residents/Leisure Centre Users?
6. The influence of the Leisure Trust on the group? (Group dominated by 6 Leisure Trust members - CEO + 1 non elected member + 4 Elected members)

7. What will be the cost for this cross party member and officer working group?

8. What about openness and transparency -

- Is this cross party member and officer working group to be conducted in secrecy?

- When can we expect information during the life of this cross party member and officer working group?

- Will this this cross party member and officer working group conduct business/convene in public?

- Will this cross party member and officer working group meetings be available via webcast?

9. The case for a 50m pool?

10. The cost of 50m pool?

11. The case for a 25m pool?

12. The saving cost of 25m pool?

13. What about running costs for all the options?

14. What about Maintenance costs for all the options?

15. Will the actual cost be nearer £60M?

16. How can the current Leisure Centre/pool be kept open for another 5 years?

17. Running Costs for keeping Leisure Centre/pool open for another 5 years?

18. Maintenance Costs for keeping Leisure Centre/pool open for another 5 years?

19. Public transport access to Eastwood Park from Busby, Clarkston, Netherlee, Williamwood

20. Is this not a 'Vanity Project' rather than what is actually required?

21. There is a sizeable number who regularly use the current gym facilities and who are currently satisfied with the size of the gym and the facilities - They are not interested in a large 'barn' gym and a Changing Village. How will their views be represented by this group ?

22. Is Refurbishment of the current facilities still a viable option?

23. It is essential that the input from Councillors who are members of East Renfrewshire Culture & Leisure Trust Board - Councillors Paul O'Kane , Colm Merrick, Barbara Grant , Jim Fletcher is clearly defined as to whether they are acting on behalf of

- Their constituents/Council

or

- East Renfrewshire Culture & Leisure Trust

For clarification -

Councillors who are members of East Renfrewshire Culture & Leisure Trust Board -

Councillor Paul O’Kane , Councillor Colm Merrick, Councillor Barbara Grant , Councillor Jim Fletcher

Company law demands that -

‘all board members must place the interest of the trust before that of the Local Authority, including councillors and officers.’

‘Although councillors can and will be on the board, the law is clear that they are there in a private capacity and not present to reflect the needs of the council.’

23. The latest info from The Leisure Trust still posted on their Website is -

‘Therefore, we strongly support Option 4 - a new state-of-the-art culture and leisure facility on a different site within the Eastwood area. This is the only option which would allow us to gain a specifically designed culture and leisure centre which can provide all these required facilities.’

Is it still the view of the Leisure Trust that the only option is a new build on an alternative 'greenspace' site?

24. Is the School/Education Dept taking over Eastwood Park?

Your help with raising and addressing these matters with the group will be appreciated.

An acknowledgement and update would be appreciated.

Thanks

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