

**Statement by the Cabinet Member for Leisure & Health**

**26 July 2011**

**Performance**

Service plan targets relating to two priorities, participation in physical activity and opportunities for young and old people are currently in the process of being measured.

In addition, targets relating to finance and efficiency are incorporated into the new Leisure and Health Service plan.

The Council will be up-dated on performance on a regular basis.

**Performance against Revenue Budget**

At the time of preparing this report, income information was only available for the months of April and May 2011. Revenue income in this period was £505,909; this is up £12,317 on the same period last year.

Income for the first two months is down on target by £21,917, further work is underway by the Leisure and Health Board to generate additional income. It is, however, apparent that participation swimming, including lessons, has significantly reduced across the leisure centres, this is a national trend and not solely an issue for HDC.

**Asset Transfer**

The Hambleton Forum User Group is still in ongoing discussions with HDC, presently they are engaging the wider community of Hambleton, exploring proposals to take over the management of the Forum. They will do this via district-wide consultative exercise.

In addition they are attempting to put together a board of Directors/Trustees to run the Forum.

**North Yorkshire Games**

The eleventh annual games were held near York. Hambleton had twenty four teams enter from all parts of the district. In participation they were second only to York City.

**Olympic Torch Relay**

Although still shrouded in secrecy and the actual route has not yet been finalised, I can report that the Olympic Torch will be passing through Hambleton District. The Council is liaising with the London Organisation Committee of the Olympic Games in organising the event for next June. I will up-date members once more information is available.

**Inquest**

The Kaimen Ward inquest of 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2011, recorded a verdict of misadventure. The Coroner acknowledged that the Council was operating entirely with Health & Safety Guidelines, but wanted to use the tragedy to raise standards nationally in respect of public operated pools.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO 5 (b)**

He made five recommendations and both the Department of Cultural Media & Sport and the Council are preparing responses to these.

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