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Leisure Transformation Programme

Staff Engagement

Weekly update from the 'Leisure Transformation Project Team

6th November 2020



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As you are aware that despite the disruption, the 'Leisure Transformation Project Team' continue to plan for the opening of SLLC, and to move forward with the Transformation Programme as far as is practicable.

The team have committed to communicate with our indoor leisure staff as effectively and as regularly as we can.

In this update, we will focus on a number of issues: Covid-19, on-line training update, HR update, 'Leisure Transformation Project Team' update and staff questions/queries.



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Covid 19

We are all being encouraged to support all our local businesses, to help boost our borough during these challenging times. To help with this campaign we thought that we would highlight some of the borough's favourite restaurants and cafes now providing a takeaway service for you to enjoy. There is a wide range to choose from, bringing you delicious meals right to the comfort of your home. So why not sit back and relax while still staying safe and #Dinelocal to #Supportlocal.

Check out what's on offer here: bit.ly/3ms6KVW



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Recruitment

The following posts are currently in the process of being shortlisted and interviewed:

- Shift Lead
- Female Leisure Attendant
- Trainee Leisure Attendant

Leisure Attendant – various contracts will be advertised externally this week and will close on Friday 13th November 2020.

Training

There are still a number of staff working in SLLC that need to complete the online training, this includes;

- NOPS's & EAP's
- Fire Evac
- Safeguarding
- Covid Risk Assessment
- Manual Handling

Please complete this training as soon as possible,

Update from the 'Leisure Transformation Project Team'

The 'Leisure Transformation Project Team' would like to give information regarding some of the projects that we have been working in relation to indoor leisure across the Borough;

Opening day for South Lake Leisure Centre

This week saw the new South Lake Leisure Centre open its door to the public on the 2nd November 2020.

The place was buzzing and was busy all day with people coming in to take out new memberships, see the building, take part in sport or simply enjoy a takeaway coffee from the café.

An announcement of the opening was done with an official pre-recorded social media video incorporating professional footage of both the inside and outside of the facility (drone and camera shots), edited along with messages from the three key spokespersons for the centre; Kenny Twyble (Chair Project Board), Roger Wilson (Chief Executive), and Kevin Savage (Lord Mayor).

This video was distributed on Get Active and ABC Corporate social media channels at 9am on the morning and to date there have been 6.1k views; if you haven't seen it we would encourage to view it and share it with your family and friends.

Throughout the day a number of dignitaries visited the building including the Lord Mayor, Roger Wilson (CE) and the members of the Project Board.



The feedback from the dignitaries on the day was that they thought the building was fantastic and really will cater for all the health and wellbeing needs of the local community.

They all remarked on the professionalism of the staff on the day given the large number of people and how knowledgeable everyone was.



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Well done to everyone making this a wonderful first day for this new facility.

Ambassadors for South Lake Leisure Centre

This week we will be releasing a short video featuring Para cyclist, Christopher Burns who came along to SLLC to talk about why he is excited about the new South Lake Leisure Centre opening and how he will use the facility

As you know we have been releasing these short ambassador videos on the SLLC Facebook page; so please view and share this story as widely as you can.

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Dromore Community Centre Re-opening

Not only are we opening the new South Lake Leisure Centre but we are also making plans to re-open Dromore Community Centre following the completion of an extensive refurbishment/extension building programme; which is an investment by Council in excess of £2million, the second largest to date outside of SLLC.



Extension adjacent to the Existing Building

The building contractor has been working on site at Dromore Community Centre throughout the summer and the building is now ready for hand over to Council this week.

The refurbishment/extension of the community centre has included:

- Adding a two storey extension bringing 4 new team changing rooms on the ground level (To replace a prefabricated team changing facility)

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- A new 300 square metre gym on the upper floor which will be the second largest gym in the ABC portfolio (after SLLC)

In addition, like all other gyms and indoor leisure facilities, Dromore Community Centre will be equipped with new gym and indoor cycling equipment which has been purchased from a leading provider in the leisure industry 'Life Fitness' which is being supplied through 'Fitr'

- A new children's mini bowling alley and new community/party room are replacing the existing squash courts,
- The existing tennis courts will become much needed additional car parking space and the current gym area will convert to a new multi-purpose studio,

We are organising some photography to take place in the building and arranging an opening day to the public on the 12th November 2020, this will again include the Lord Mayor, Chief Executive and Chair/Vice chair of Committee, Party Leaders and Local Members.

Again the 'Leisure Transformation Project Team' would like to thank all members of staff involved in this project as we recognise how hard they have worked ensuring that this new and very much improved Centre opens its doors to the public.



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Staff Questions/Queries

The 'Leisure Transformation Project Team' are interested in hearing from you, if you have any questions/queries or have a specific issue that you would like us to address during this unusual period of closure, please contact: joanne.grattan@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk with the detail.