

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION – PARK SPORTS CENTRE (Min 23/00)**1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1. This report provides information on a fire safety inspection carried out at Park Sports Centre following a request from Members at the last Meeting of this Sub Committee. Members are advised that a Member level meeting is being arranged to discuss the future of the site, prior to a further joint Member level meeting with Essex County Council.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 At the last meeting of this Sub Committee during discussions regarding fire regulations at Park Sports Centre, Members requested that an inspection be undertaken and that advice is sought on the Council's liability. Officers requested that Essex County Fire and Rescue service carry out an inspection.

3 INSPECTION

- 3.1 An officer from Essex County Fire and Rescue Service carried out a fire safety inspection based on the current use of the area as a sports centre open for general public use. A copy of his recommendations is appended for information.
- 3.2 Norfolk Property Services who are the County Council's managing agents and who are responsible for initiating repairs and alterations have yet to comment on and provide costings of the findings. Members will be updated verbally on progress at the Meeting.
- 3.3 **Insurance Implications**
- 3.3.1 All the areas shown in the Fire Safety Inspection report marked with an asterisk are the responsibility of Essex County Council in respect of repairs and maintenance. The other areas are this Authority.
- 3.3.2 In the event of a Legal Liability it would be usual for an action to be taken against Essex County Council, Rochford District Council and Leisure Connection. The actual liability would depend on the incident. All parties maintain public liability insurance to cover the possibility of such liabilities.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Authority is responsible for 50% of the costs in respect of repairs and maintenance that relate to E.C.C. premises

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 We are required to ensure all fire safety recommendations are met.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Authority is responsible for 50% of the costs in respect of repairs and maintenance of the areas which are marked with an asterisk in the attached report. Our liability would be dependent on the actual works authorised and their cost.

7 RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RECOMMENDS:**

That Members accept this report and monitor progress on this matter.

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Background Papers:

None

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