

Area West Committee – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013

## **7. Area West – Reports from Members on Outside Bodies**

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### **Purpose of the Report**

To introduce reports from members appointed to outside bodies in Area West.

### **Public Interest**

Each year Area West Committee appoints local Councillors to serve on outside bodies (local organisations) in Area West. During the year Councillors make a report on the achievements of those organisations and other relevant issues.

### **Background**

To replace “Reports from members on outside organisations” as a generic standing agenda item it was agreed at the August 2012 meeting to include specific reports about each organisation in the Committee’s forward plan.

Members were appointed to serve on nine outside bodies at the June 2013 meeting.

### **Reports**

Reports can be verbal or written. There is no standard format, but if possible they include an explanation of the organisations aims, their recent activities, achievements and any issues of concern.

This month the member reports are:

Councillor Angie Singleton - Crewkerne Leisure Management (Aqua Centre)  
Councillor Ros Roderigo - Blackdown Hills AONB Partnership (to be included within agenda item no.8)

### **Recommendation**

That the report is noted.

### **Financial Implications**

None.

### **Council Plan Implications**

Focus Four: Health and Communities – We want communities that are healthy, self reliant and have individuals who are willing to help each other.

***Background Papers: None***

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**Annual Report to Area West Committee on the Activities of Crewkerne Leisure Management Ltd. (The Crewkerne Aqua Centre)**

The recent AGM of Crewkerne Leisure Management reported the Company in a similar position to last year with the accounts showing a modest surplus and thanks were expressed to all the Staff and the Manager for their continuing hard work and commitment.

The Centre is extremely lucky to maintain a very good team of volunteers that support the work on reception.

The eight Directors of the Company keep firm control of expenditure and regularly monitor and amend all the Company policies as required.

There have been no major changes to the programme of activities at the Centre, and participation rates have increased, particularly in the gym and fitness studio.

The following table should give members a taste of the benefit the Centre brings to the local community:-

Pupils from 13 schools have a lesson on a weekly basis.

Approximately 700 children and 15 adults attend the Centre's swimschool.

The Centre employs 13 full time and 8 part time employees and has another two young people on apprenticeships at present.

The Centre gets approximately 4 GP referrals on a weekly basis and has 30 participants active on the programme at any one time.

Around 40 people take part in the weekly cardiac rehab sessions.

The Pool will be closed over the period leading up to Christmas for its bi-annual clean and re-grouting – a very necessary maintenance to keep it in good condition.

**Cllr Angie Singleton**

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