

**NOTES OF A MEETING WITH PENDLE LEISURE TRUST AND THE
PENDLE EDUCATION TRUST ABOUT
THE FUTURE USE OF WEST CRAVEN SPORTS HALL
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 20TH MARCH 2017**

PRESENT –

Alison Goode, Chief Executive, Pendle Leisure Trust

Louise Green, Director of Performance and Improvement, Pendle Education Trust

Lisa Parkin, Finance Manager, Pendle Education Trust

Philip Mousdale, Corporate Director, Pendle Borough Council

Joanne Eccles, Committee Administrator, Pendle Borough Council



Philip Mousdale explained that the meeting had been arranged at the request of Councillors to discuss the future use of West Craven Sports Centre by West Craven High School. Councillors had expressed concern at West Craven Committee and Full Council that the School intended to reduce its use of the Sport Centre when the contract ran out at the end of July. A revised contract or not renewing the contract would mean the Leisure Trust losing secure income and the pupils not being able to use the sports facilities.

Alison Goode said that a couple of proposals for using the Sports Centre Monday to Friday had been discussed with the Education Trust and that they had been close to agreement. Factored into the costs had been additional use of the sports hall during the exams period and use of the gym.

Louise Green explained that unfortunately, following the recent departure of the Head Teacher, the Trust had had no option but to pull out of the negotiations. Following disappointing academic results the curriculum was being revisited. More English and maths lessons would need to be scheduled into the timetable. This could impact on the time allocated to gym and sports. There were also further savings that needed to be made.

Louise Green pointed out that the School no longer received funding from County Council or Sport England. Funding for any use of the sports centre would have to come from the School's core budget. The Education Trust would be in a much better position to know what they wanted and what their budget would allow at the end of April.

Alison Goode said that the Trust had already started programming use of the sports hall for activities in the afternoons. The School's use of the Sports Centre would need to be agreed at the end of April so that the Trust could complete the morning programme and make up lost income.

The new agreement would be for the 2017/18 academic year.

AGREED

Louise Green and Alison Goode agreed to re-enter their negotiations for the future use of the West Craven Sports Centre at the end of April and to endeavour to reach a quick agreement.