



Press Release

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Title: Hair Salon Response

Body:

South Gloucestershire Leisure fully agrees that investment into the leisure centres in South Gloucestershire is a priority. Yate Leisure Centre in particular has suffered from a lack of investment for many years and as the business operator securing the necessary investment is a high priority.

It is within the leisure trusts remit (in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council) to secure and deliver improvements to the sports and other ancillary services at all four leisure centres within its control. This can only be achieved however, by ensuring that the Trust is financially sustainable by prudent management.

We understand that there may be concern that the Leisure Trust is putting funds which could be used for other purposes into the proposed salon but can confirm that this is not the case. We are governed by a Board of Trustees and as a Charity we CANNOT and would not use charitable resources for non charitable purposes. This would be contrary to both the charities act and our own memorandum and articles of association.

The Leisure Trust is not financing the development of the hairdressing salon; the total cost of this is being met by Hairy Monsters Ltd, already trading in Yate. The salon will then pay a commercial rate of rent to the Leisure Trust which will add to the Trusts turnover ensuring it can invest further into local facilities.

The proposed hairdressing salon will occupy a very small floor space in respect of total Leisure Centre size and does not adversely affect its overall operation for sport. The area it will occupy is currently a male sauna. This has historically been underutilised and is difficult to manage. As part of this process the remaining existing sauna (currently female only) will become a unisex facility and will be redecorated and refurbished by the Leisure Trust at the same time that the plans for the salon are developed. In this respect we are supporting a project that we believe will enhance the facilities.

Other positive points for this development are that the hairdressing salon includes a specialist facility for children and that this is a good linked facility with the centres other use by families; that the salon has the potential to draw more people into the centre and therefore contribute to the promotion of sport and leisure and that it will help establish the centre as a vibrant and modern place to visit.

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