

Agenda item 5.

Motion for the extraordinary town council meeting on 1st May 2024

Southwell Town Council:

1. Recognises the support given by Newark and Sherwood District Council to the Southwell Leisure Centre Trust in the form of significant capital investment and the funding of maintenance for Southwell Leisure Centre over many years.
2. Seeks to ensure the sustainable long term provision of high quality leisure centre facilities for the ongoing physical and mental health of the residents of Southwell and surrounding villages.
3. Supports the position statement issued by the Southwell Leisure Centre Trust, to be formally ratified at their next meeting, confirming their support for the transfer of all freehold land held by the Southwell Leisure Centre Trust to Newark and Sherwood District Council upon terms approved by and acceptable to the Charity Commission and to enable the construction of new swimming facilities to an agreed timetable instead of repairing the existing pool.
4. Supports the commitment for Southwell Leisure Centre Trust, Newark and Sherwood District Council to make a joint approach with Southwell Town Council to the Charity Commission in respect of this, without delay.
5. Recognises the probable need for land owned by Southwell Town Council to be provided for an extension of the leisure centre to enable new accessible swimming facilities. Southwell Town Council will now engage with Newark and Sherwood District Council to address this issue, prior to public consultation.
6. Recognises that the relationship between the Southwell Leisure Centre Trust and Newark and Sherwood District Council has become strained recently. It is imperative that this issue is addressed urgently and Southwell Town Council will work with both organisations to ensure trust and that a working relationship pertains.
7. Proposed By: Cllr. Martin Stott, Seconded by Cllr. Stephen Perry