

North Wiltshire Leisure Limited
24th November 2006

STAFF

A special meeting of North Wiltshire District Council's Executive was held yesterday evening, Thursday, 23 November 2006 to consider the current financial position of North Wiltshire Leisure Limited (NWLL) and the future of leisure provision across the district.

As many of you will be aware, in October of last year we appointed Wycombe Leisure as interim managers. Their remit was to undertake an audit on our behalf to assess future service provision and financial viability and to provide management cover in the leisure centres.

Consultants, Strategic Leisure Ltd, were also appointed to assess the condition of the six leisure centre buildings; the strategic need for leisure facilities across North Wiltshire and the financial viability of all six centres.

At last night's meeting, North Wiltshire District Council's Executive, subject to consultation with all affected staff, approved a recommendation to close centres at Calne, Cricklade and Wootton Bassett

Closure of three centres would mean that some posts may be at risk of redundancy.

We will consult with staff to in order to limit the number of potential redundancies that have to be made. However, staff should be aware that if the three centres are closed, we may not be able to redeploy everyone so some people may lose their jobs. The consultation process and any selection process will be fair and open.

We plan to provide further information later today that we hope will answer many of your questions and set out what will happen over the coming weeks.

We do not underestimate the impact these decisions will have and we recognise that this is a difficult time for both staff and customers alike.

Michael Buckley
Chairman