

Question Number	Question asked by:	Subject
CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES & GATEWAY SERVICES Councillor Alison Butler		
CQ023-20	Councillor Lynne Hale	Recorded Financial Transactions
CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT Councillor Oliver Lewis		
CQ017-20	Councillor Lynne Hale	BH Live Lease
CQ020-20	Councillor Helen Pollard	Leisure Centre Re-openings

CQ023-20 from Councillor Hale**Councillor Butler**

“Please could you advise whether there will be a recorded financial transaction/s between the Council and Brick by Brick with respect to the Council's purchase of properties from Brick by Brick, or whether the agreed sums are deducted from Brick by Brick's loan repayments.”

Reply

The loans are managed under individual loan agreements and no deductions will be made to offset loan or interest repayments. The purchase of properties from Brick by Brick are recorded separately from the loan agreements.

CQ017-20 from Councillor Hale

Councillor Oliver Lewis

“After spending £43m refurbishing it, residents are keen to enjoy Fairfield Halls as soon as it is safe to do so.

The Govt has announced that from July 11 we can all enjoy performances outdoors with social distancing – please can you advise when Fairfield Halls will be offering outdoor and/or streaming entertainment?

Please also advise whether BH Live will be the ongoing operator of Fairfield Halls and can you confirm the date when they signed the lease and management contract.”

Reply

We are working on a wider culture and meanwhile programme as part of the hibernation phase of the building, this programme will be made available shortly. Resident partners are returning to the building under social distancing measures for rehearsals and future planning operations. We will provide regular updates via the Culture network channels and keep partners informed on the meanwhile strategy as it develops.

Please see below an information link regarding hosting community and creative events:

<https://news.croydon.gov.uk/iconic-arts-venue-will-host-community-and-creative-uses-during-temporary-hibernation/>

Croydon Council continues to work in partnership with BH Live as the operator of Fairfield Halls.

The Contract and agreement to lease was signed on 22 July 2019. Following this an Early Works Licence was granted commencing 9 September 2019, this enabled BH Live to carry out operator fit-out works as part of venue mobilisation and to carry out operation in the phased handover to include events, food and beverage operation and associated venue related activities. The contract went live on full practical completion of the building – this means that the contract and lease was effective from 1 February 2020. BH Live are in the process of returning a signed and statutory declared lease.

CQ020-20 from Councillor H. Pollard

Councillor Lewis

“Please can you confirm the opening date for each of Croydon’s leisure centres and for each one, please state which part of the facility has been opened. Where there are different dates for different parts of the service at a leisure centre, please state the date for each part”

Reply

There is a gradual reactivation process for the leisure operation within Croydon and throughout GLL, which is designed to ensure sustainability of the services overall.

With guidelines only permitting certain activities currently, the focus has been re-introducing the gym, fitness class and swimming as activities and then the anticipation is to grow the programme from there.

Therefore the centres at Thornton Heath, Waddon, South Norwood and New Addington have been prioritised, these facilities have the highest membership numbers and will allow for sustainability, due to the initial income they will provide.

Re-introducing all the facilities from the first instance would create a very large cost base that would require subsidy from Croydon Council. Purley, Ashburton Hall, Croydon Arena and Monks Hill, all prior to the lockdown were operating at a financial deficit.

Phase 1A – Open 25th July 2020

Facility	Activities	Additional Info
Thornton Heath - Leisure Centre	Gym / Swim / Classes	Centre proposed to accommodate SNLC swimming customers
New Addington – Leisure Centre	Gym / Swim / Classes	Can accommodate Purley Swimmers
Waddon – Leisure Centre	Gym / Classes	Can accommodate Purley H&F and Swimmers
South Norwood – Leisure Centre	Gym / Classes	

Phase 1B – TBC 8th August

Facility	Activities	Additional Info
Thornton Heath -Leisure Centre	Indoor Sports Activities / such as badminton	Sports Hall
New Addington – Leisure Centre	Indoor Sports Activities / such as badminton	Community Hall & Sports Hall
Waddon – Leisure Centre	Indoor Sports Activities / such as badminton	Sports Hall

Phase 2 – TBC 12th September

Facility	Activities	Additional Info
Waddon/ NALC / THLC	Gymnastics, facility hire	
Waddon	Pool to open	
South Norwood	Pool to open	
All wet centres	Better Swim School lessons	
All leisure centres	Dry lessons & courses	
All leisure centres	Healthwise Programme	Healthwise members access from 25 th July