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SECTION 4 - Reports for Determination

SUPPLEMENTARY

Item: 110 **ORG B - Entry and Land Hire Fees at Hawkesbury Leisure Centre) - Swimwest Swimming Club - (80104, 107, 93487)**

Previous Item: NM 1 - Ordinary (29 March 2005)

REPORT:

At the meeting of Council held on 29 March 2005 consideration was given to a Notice of Motion and associated report in connection with the subject matter. Subsequently, Council resolved as follows:

That:

1. *The information concerning fees for the use of the Hawkesbury Oasis Leisure Centre by the Swimwest Swimming Club be received;*
2. *Council note that the YMCA has indicated its preparedness to discuss one of the proposals recently submitted by the Swimwest Swimming Club in respect of the fees to be paid by the Club and the Club's participants for the Club's term commencing 25 April 2005 and that both organisations be requested to meet as soon as possible to discuss the matter and a further report be submitted to the Council meeting on 11 April 2005 as a result of these discussions;*
3. *Any agreement that may be reached between the Swimwest Swimming Club and the YMCA regarding fees to be paid by the Club and its participants, together with all other fees and charges proposed for the Hawkesbury Oasis Leisure Centre, be considered for inclusion in Council's proposed fees and charges for 2005/06 and advertised, as required, as part of the 2005/06 Management Plan process.*
4. *That the Hawkesbury City Council ensure that the entry and lane hire fees at the Oasis Swimming Pool are charged and administered fairly and equitably.*

The following extract from the report submitted to the meeting of Council on 29 March 2005 details the current situation in relation to fees charged by and to both Swimwest and Leisure Centre swim squad participants:

"In summary, the above memo indicates the current charges paid by the Club are \$21.50 per hour per lane with no entrance fee being paid by participants in the Club's coaching classes; indicates proposed charges, in accordance with the fees and charges adopted by Council, from the Club's next term on 25 April 2005 of \$20.00 per hour per lane (this fee relates to the outdoor pool with the current adopted fee for the indoor pool being \$28.00 per hour per lane) with normal entry fees being paid by participants. Participants would also be able to avail themselves of discount entry options available such as multi pass vouchers.

It is also understood that an issue has also been raised in relation to the fees currently paid by participants in the swim squads operated by Swimwest and the Leisure Centre. Information provided by the YMCA indicates that charges to participants (paid to either Swimwest or the Leisure Centre), and benefits received, in relation to each program are as follows:-

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Organisation	Pass	Costs	Inclusions
Swimwest *	1 Month Pass	\$40-\$70/month (Depends on level of swimmer)	Coaching & entry fees
YMCA **	Gold Squad (National level swimmers only)	\$250/3 months (\$83.33/month)	Coaching, entry fees & 2 gym sessions
	Silver Squad	\$165/3 months (\$55/month)	Coaching, entry fees
	Bronze Squad	\$155/3 months (\$51.66/month)	Coaching, entry fees
	Piranha Squad	\$135/3 months (\$45/month)	Coaching, entry fees

* A line hire fee only of \$21.50 per lane per hour is currently paid by Swimwest to the Leisure Centre.

** The fees charged by the Leisure Centre incorporate the usage of lanes for the squads and will be reviewed as part of the 2005/06 Management Plan process.

In effect, the YMCA is required to charge users of the Centre in accordance with the fees and charges adopted by Council and this is the situation proposed to be implemented by the YMCA from the commencement of the next Swimwest term on 25 April 2005."

In accordance with the second part of Council's resolution meetings were held between representatives of the Executive of the Swimwest Swimming Club, the Leisure Centre Manager and Acting Director Support Services on 5 and 8 April 2005 to discuss the matter with a view to reaching a solution to resolve the matter to the satisfaction of all parties.

As a result of these discussions it was ultimately agreed, subject to Council's acceptance of the proposal, that Swimwest participants would pay the same rate as Leisure Centre Squad members [i.e. from \$150 (one hundred and fifty dollars) to \$165 (one hundred and sixty five dollars) per 3 (three) months dependant upon the level of the swimmer as is the current situation, or a monthly rate if by direct debit]. This amount would be paid direct to the Leisure Centre and would entitle Swimwest to use of the pool for squad training sessions on the same basis as presently exists with the payment also covering the entry fees of Swimwest participants for squad training sessions. Swimwest would continue to provide coaches and coaching for their participants.

As a result of this arrangement Swimwest would no longer pay lane hire fees as this cost is incorporated in the charges to be paid by participants, as is the case with the Leisure Centre swimmers. The existing lane hire charges would continue to remain relevant for other casual hires of the Centre's facilities.

This arrangement can be accommodated within the present charges for the Centre and will be further clarified in the fees and charges proposed in the draft 2005/06 Management Plan.

As indicated, representatives of Swimwest have indicated that this arrangement is acceptable to the Club and the Centre Manager has also indicated the acceptability of the arrangement to the YMCA as the appointed managers of the Centre on the Council's behalf.

In addition, it is also considered that this arrangement is acceptable from the Council's viewpoint and, therefore, the following recommendation is submitted for the Council's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information concerning discussions held between the Swimwest Swimming Club, the YMCA and Council concerning fees to be paid by the Club and the Club's participants in association with the conduct of squad training sessions at the Hawkesbury Leisure Centre (Oasis Swimming Pool) by the Club be received and the arrangements in this, regarded as detailed in the report on the matter, be endorsed by Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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Item: 111 ORG B - Property Matter - George and Macquarie Streets, Windsor - (79337)

Reason for Confidentiality

*This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: -*

- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business*

This matter is to be considered in Closed Council and the information provided on the night.

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