

COUNCIL – 24 FEBRUARY 2022

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR R JOHNSON TO COUNCILLOR A WOODMAN

“On April 16th we are to have an official opening of our New Leisure centre with Colin Jackson and former footballers to name but a few, Can the Portfolio holder explain to me this councils' rationale to omit a local international athlete Gemma Steele

And how much will this council have to pay out for the sports personalities appearance?”

REPOSENSE FROM COUNCILLOR A WOODMAN TO COUNCILLOR R JOHNSON

“Although the date has now been set for the official opening there are a lot of preparations to be put in place for the programme of activities on the day itself. Our partner Everyone Active is leading on the organisation for the day and a press release along with relevant publicity will be shared nearer the date. Everyone Active is responsible for securing and paying the sporting VIP's who will have a key role interacting with those attending the activities. Each of the stars is expected to lead sessions with customers and speak to the media as ambassadors for the new centre. They are all from the region and Anthony Clark is from Coalville. The stars already lined up are the following:

Colin Jackson CBE – GB Athletics – 1 x Silver Olympic Medallist and 2 x Commonwealth Gold Medallist + Frequent appearances on national TV in reality shows and as a commentator.

Anthony Clark – GB Badminton – Commonwealth Gold Medallist

Ross Davenport – GB Swimming - 2 x Commonwealth Gold Medallist

Ollie Hynd MBE – GB Swimming – 3 x Olympic Gold Paralympian

Charlotte Henshaw MBE – GB Swimming & Canoeing – Paralympian Gold, Silver and Bronze Medallist

Steve Walsh – Former Leicester City FC 2 x League Cup Winner

Muzzy Izzet – Former Leicester City FC 2 x League Cup Winner

Hannah Ward – Captain, Derby County FC Women

We can of course put Gemma Steele in touch with the relevant lead at Everyone Active to explore this further.”