

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 25 JULY 2019

**Question to Philip White
Cabinet Member for Learning and Employability**

By Cllr Susan Woodward

Question

Cllr White will be aware that Lichfield District Council says that the condition of Friary Grange Leisure Centre is “poor” and that “the age, condition and investment required would not represent good value for council tax payers”. Can Cllr White tell me who has been responsible for the condition of the Leisure Centre and any investment that was required for its maintenance – the County Council, the District Council or Friary School – and when was this arrangement put in place?”

Reply

The Joint Use Agreement for community use was signed in 1971. The original building consisted of sports hall and changing facilities only. Various extensions to the original building have been made over the years since the original building was conceived. The County Council & The Friary school have maintained the sports hall, original changing rooms, the dance studio and associated changing facilities, and the external all-weather pitch. All other parts of the building are the responsibility of Lichfield District Council. The Friary School and Lichfield District Council share the utility costs for heating and lighting the building on the basis of their hourly usage.