

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 14 DECEMBER 2017

**Question to Philip Atkins OBE
Leader of the Council**

By Kyle Robinson

Question

The town of Kidsgrove deserves a modern Sports Centre fit for the 21st Century. Can the Leader please tell me whether Staffordshire County Council's position has changed on funding a new Sports Centre in Kidsgrove or whether the position is likely to change in the future?

Reply

Our position on this issue has not changed since my response to a similar question at Full Council in May. We are still committed to working alongside Newcastle Borough Council as they develop their plans for leisure in the town. However, responsibility for and funding of the provision of leisure facilities rests with the Borough Council. To date there have been 2 expressions of interest in taking on the former Kidsgrove Leisure Centre as a Community Asset, and those interested community groups have until March 2018 to provide a business case before any decision can be made.