

The Future of Sport in West Lothian

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About West Lothian Leisure

- ▶ 20 years of WLL
- ▶ Charity, company, social enterprise, ALEO
- ▶ West Lothian Council sole member since 2016
- ▶ Delivery partner of choice; Helping residents improve their wellbeing
- ▶ Facilities, Access Xcite, Outreach Steps
- ▶ 21 venues, £10m turnover, 2.2m visits, 20k members
- ▶ Community Planning Partner

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WLL – 17/18

- Successful transfer of sport, leisure and cultural facilities in April 2017
- WL Football Development Strategy in partnership with WLC, SFA & WLYF
- Aquatic Strategy for WL with WLC & Scottish Swimming
- Expansion of health and fitness facilities at Xcite Bathgate
- Integrated IT system – staff, bookings, invoices & payments

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Schools Transfer

- ▶ Sport, leisure & cultural facilities in 8 high schools
- ▶ WLL 'manage and operate'; WLC maintain facilities
- ▶ Ongoing collaboration with WLC/schools staff
- ▶ WLL set charges for 18/19 in line with WLC increase of 3.5%
- ▶ WLL let conditions and invoicing
- ▶ Broxburn, Bathgate, Whitburn & new West Calder HS expected to transfer
- ▶ Accommodating & supporting accredited community clubs

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Future & Next Steps

- Challenging financial climate re WLC funding & private sector competition
- Review of facilities, services, programmes and activities
- Structuring the business for sustainability & positive outcomes
- Agreeing and implementing a 4 year plan
- Active West Lothian & Creative West Lothian Strategies

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