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Dear Members

<p>Please note date and time of special meeting</p>
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Special Resources Scrutiny Committee

A special meeting of the Resources Scrutiny Committee will be held in the **Craddock Room, Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Monday 10 December 2018 at 5.30pm** to deal with the business as set out on the agenda.

Please note that this meeting will be recorded.

Members are reminded that contact officers are shown at the top of each report and members are welcome to raise questions etc in advance of the meeting with the appropriate officer.

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Head of Law and Administration

**SPECIAL RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE -
10 DECEMBER 2018**

Chairman Councillor E G R Jones

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CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER/
CONTRACT SERVICES MANAGER

Membership

Chairman Councillor E G R Jones

I E Davies	J Hood
M G Dodson	R A James
R J Draper	E G R Jones
A T A Godfrey	A J Perkins
A S Harp	P Roycroft

Cabinet Members:-

Councillor K S Williamson - Resources

Councillor F A Finlay - Environment and Health

Councillor R M Smith - Leisure

ITEM NO 3(a)**ITEM NO 3(a)**

Report of:	Cultural Services Manager and Contract Services Manager
Contact Officer:	Mark Thornewill /Stephanie Heath
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Ward Interest:	Nil
Report Track:	Special Resources 10/12/18 (Only)

SPECIAL RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**10 DECEMBER 2018****Leisure and Cultural Partnership - Update From Freedom Leisure****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide an opportunity for Freedom Leisure to update Members on the not for profit trust and its work in the delivery of Stafford Borough Councils Leisure and Cultural Services.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the presentation be noted.

3 Key Issues and Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 Freedom Leisure, a not for profit trust with charitable status, was the successful bidder for the contract to manage the councils leisure and cultural services. The contract has been in place for twelve months and it is therefore timely for representatives from Freedom Leisure to present an update on their work to the Resources Scrutiny Committee.

4 Relationship to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 The Leisure and Cultural Partnership with Freedom Leisure contributes to the corporate priority of:

“Improving the quality of life of local people by providing a safe, clean, attractive place to live and work and encouraging people to be engaged in developing strong communities that promote health and well-being.”

5	Report Detail
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5.1 Freedom Leisure commenced delivery of leisure and cultural services on 4 December 2017.

5.2 Services within the scope of the contract relate to the management of:

- Stafford Leisure Centre
- Westbridge Park Fitness Centre* (until the new Stone leisure centre opens)
- Alleyne's Sports Centre* (until the new Stone leisure centre opens)
- Stone Leisure Centre
- Rowley Park Sports Centre
- The Gatehouse Theatre
- Visitor Information Services
- The Ancient High House
- Izaak Walton's Cottage
- Sports Development
- Marketing and Events, including Stafford Shakespeare Festival, Rock and Roll Panto, Youth Theatre Shows, Stafford Half Marathon, Stafford 10k, Stafford Festival Party in the Park, Stafford Castle Summer Sunday, Stafford's Christmas Lights Switch on Show, Stafford Pancake Race, and Share Your Summer With Us Summer Showcase.

5.3 The contract is for an initial period of ten years with two five year extensions possible subject to agreement by both parties.

5.4 The presentation will include:

- Background to Freedom Leisure
- Their Vision
- Partnership working
- Financial summary
- Service delivery and performance
- Future developments and improvements

6	Implications
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6.1	Financial	
	Legal	
	Human Resources	
	Human Rights Act	
	Data Protection	
	Risk Management	

6.2 Community Impact Assessment Recommendations	<p>The Borough Council considers the effect of its actions on all sections of our community and has addressed all of the following Equality Strands in the production of the Leisure and Cultural Services Specification, as appropriate:-</p> <p>Age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.</p>
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Previous Consideration - Nil

Background Papers - File available in Operations