

Name of Petition: **Belper Leisure Centre**

Additional Information:

We do not want Amber Valley Borough Council to stop subsidising community leisure at Belper Leisure Centre outside of the core hours given in the press release on 28 November from 1 April 2013.

Name of Petition Organiser:

Mr Les Dorey

Number of Signatures:

874

Outcome:

The petition was considered by the Council's Management Team.

Letter sent to the petitioner dated 3 January 2013 as follows:

The Management Team noted that in response to the decision by Full Council on 12 December 2012, a letter had been sent to Belper Leisure Centre Limited (BLCL) giving three months notice to terminate the existing funding arrangement on 31 March 2013 and inviting the Centre to negotiate a new 'Contract for Services' for April 2013 onwards, based on 'targeted financing', as detailed in the Officer's report.

Offers were made to BLCL to open these negotiations prior to the Christmas break but this was declined. A meeting has been scheduled to take place on Thursday, 10 January 2013.

The Council is hopeful that these negotiations can be expeditiously concluded prior to 31 March 2013. Whilst the Council has set out its position with regards to its proposal for funding and key services it wishes to purchase on behalf of the users of the Centre, the final detail will be a matter of commercial negotiation between the Council and BLCL.

The outcome of the negotiations will be subject to ratification by Full Council.

A further response will be sent to the petitioner once Full Council has made a final decision.