

Alcester Town Council public statement concerning 'The Greig'

- <u>Stratford District Council</u> entered into an agreement with the Greig Trustees in 1995 relating to the provision of leisure and recreation facilities at The Greig.
- SDC provided £800,000 to the Greig Trustees in 2005, to provide improvements in the leisure provision at The Greig.
- SDC provided ongoing financial contributions to the Greig Trustees to enable them to continue to provide facilities.
- Since then the provision of indoor sports and leisure facilities has fallen below the standard required by Stratford District Council.
- In January of this year, after several years of attempting to resolve the situation, Stratford District Council served notice on the Trustees terminating the 1995 agreement. This notice expires on 19th July 2018.
- On termination of the 1995 Agreement the £800,000 grant becomes repayable.
- If the grant is not repaid, Stratford District Council intend to take possession of the site thus returning it to public ownership.
- Stratford District Council has made £500,000 available in their budget to improve the standard of the sporting facilities once the facility has passed into public ownership.
- The Greig Trustees have had several years to conclude this arrangement with Stratford District Council before the present course of action was commenced.
- <u>Alcester Town Council</u> provided £150,000 to The Greig Trustees in 2005, to provide improvements in the leisure provision at The Greig.
- The residents of Alcester are still repaying this debt.
- Alcester Town Council working group have engaged widely on the options in the event of the site returning to public ownership.
- Alcester Town Council is not a party to the action being taken by Stratford District Council, but has been kept informed and supports SDC's position.
- Alcester Town Council is ready to hold a public meeting to gauge public expectations for the Greig Memorial Hall, should the site return to public ownership.