

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.