

**PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY – LEISURE
HIGHLIGHT REPORT**

Project	Bacup Leisure Hall	Status	Green
Project Sponsor	Chief Executive		
Project Manager	Communities Manager		
Period of report	6 th August – 19 th October		
Background	<p>Following the last update in August the steering group met on the 4th August to discuss generating interest from the community and the third sector to bring forward a viable Community Takeover option. It was agreed to undertake a concerted marketing and publicity campaign using organisations such as CVS and REAL to advertise and promote an event at which groups and volunteers from the community could come forward and work together to bring forward plans. Marketing of the event included the distribution and placement of 300 posters; press releases; 3 large scale banners; dedicated website page; and two sessions on Bacup Market meeting with residents and interested organisations. Following discussion with the Council’s procurement team it was also proposed that the use of the hall and land should be advertised to the wider market and due to European procurement rules a Prior Information Notice (PIN) was placed advertising the potential of the hall and land across Europe.</p> <p>The market stall was held on Wednesday 9th and Saturday 12th September. The aim of the stall was to inform local residents about the current situation with the hall, promote the community takeover event and answer any questions they might have. It was also an opportunity to unpick some of the findings in the Cultural Survey regarding Bacup Leisure Hall. We spoke to 39 people on the market stall.</p> <p>The main information event was held at Bacup Leisure Hall on the 15th September and took the form of a drop in session over four hours. It was well attended by voluntary organisations; residents and volunteers and the next stage will be to marry these interested parties together.</p>		

	<p>As part of the discussions with the Council's procurement team it has been agreed that interested organisations should complete an Expression Of Interest Form (downloadable from the Council's website www.rossendale.gov.uk/bacupleisurehall) which would allow the steering group to select preferred proposals for the hall based on a set of standard evaluation criteria:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliverability • Timescale • Sustainability • Finance and funding implications on the Public Purse • Community, Social and Economic Benefits • Strategic relevance to the Council's priorities <p>Expressions of Interest are due back 15th October 2009.</p>
Action/progress this period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIN Notice advertised as European procurement rules. • 2 market stall events and information "drop in" event held 15th September 2009
Action/progress anticipated next period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signposting support to organisations interested in completing Expression of Interest • Receive Expressions of Interest • Evaluate Expressions of Interest
Project issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None at moment.
Red Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even though opportunities are being given to support community organisations in developing a workable option the proposal may not be feasible or financial viable. May have to consider outside consult to assess financial viability of proposals. • Managing community expectations.