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Dear Councillor Hayden,

We write to request that the Scrutiny Board (Adults, Health & Active Lifestyles) undertakes an inquiry into the Aireborough Leisure Centre refurbishment project.

As local ward councillors we are of course delighted that the leisure centre is now open again to the public and we are grateful for the hard work of those who made this possible.

Nevertheless you will be aware that the project has been very far from smooth sailing: it has faced significant problems and delays as well as budget concerns, all of which has combined to dent the confidence of the local community in the council's ability to deliver projects of this type. As well as the frustration and inconvenience caused by the centre's prolonged closure, there often seemed to be a lack of communication about the project, leading local people to be confused about what was happening and why.

Now that the project has been completed, we believe it is appropriate for scrutiny to look into this issue and establish if lessons can be learned. We think any potential inquiry should focus on the initial assessment and procurement stages, project management issues, budget oversight, and communication with the public.

We hope that your Board will take the opportunity to consider this request for scrutiny and will ultimately decide to make it part of your work programme over the coming months.

Yours sincerely

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