

Shareholders Committee 2026

Tuesday, 9 June

Shareholders Committee Annual Report 2025/26

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Wards Affected	No specific ward relevance
Ward Councillor(s) consulted	N/A
Relevant Council Priority	Supported Governance
Non-Key Decision	
If you have any questions about this report, please contact the report author in advance of the meeting.	

1. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Shareholders Committee is asked to RECOMMEND that:-

- 1) The Shareholders Committee's Annual Report 2025/26 be presented to Council.**

2. **BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 This report details work of the Shareholders Committee during the 2025/26 municipal year.

3. **OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

- 3.1 The Shareholders Committee is an integral part of the governance arrangements for the Council's company, Rubicon Leisure Limited.
- 3.2 The terms of reference for the Committee require that an Annual Report should be prepared and presented for Members' consideration each year.
- 3.3 This Annual Report is initially presented in draft form for the consideration of the Shareholders Committee. Subject to any changes,

the report is then presented to the Executive Committee because the Shareholders Committee is a sub-committee of the Executive.

3.4 Once the Shareholders Committee's Annual Report has been finalised by the Shareholders Committee and the Executive Committee it should be scheduled for the consideration of Council.

3.5 There is a requirement for the Chair of the Shareholders Committee to present the Committee's Annual Report at a Council meeting. This is scheduled to take place at the first ordinary meeting of council in the 2026/27 municipal year.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The purpose of the Shareholders Committee is to fulfil all duties that are reserved to Redditch Borough Council as shareholder in Rubicon Leisure Limited. The Annual Report helps to demonstrate how the Committee is fulfilling this role as well as the Committee's conclusions in respect of the performance of Rubicon Leisure Limited during the 2025/26 municipal year.

6. OTHER - IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Reorganisation

6.1 There are no specific implications in respect of Local Government Reorganisation.

Relevant Council Priority

6.2 The information provided in this report supports the organisational priority of supported governance.

Climate Change Implications

6.3 There are no specific climate change implications.

Equalities and Diversity Implications

6.4 There are no specific equalities and diversity implications.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

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7.1 There is a risk that if a final Shareholders Committee Annual Report is not agreed for the 2025/26 municipal year Members may not feel assured about the performance of Rubicon Leisure Limited.

8. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1 – The Shareholders Committee’s Annual Report 2026/27.

9. REPORT SIGN OFF

Department	Name and Job Title	Date
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Juliet Barker Smith	
Lead Director / Assistant Director	Ruth Bamford, Assistant Director of Planning, Leisure and Culture Services	
Financial Services	Julie Lorraine, Interim Director of Finance	
Legal Services	Nicola Cummings, Principal Solicitor - Governance	