

#### **Enterprising Culture Workshop**

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### Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Session Objectives?
- "Hearts, Heads, Hands"
  - Hearts What is your passion?
  - Heads What you need to know?
  - Hands What you need to do?
- Meet the Entrepreneurs
- Questions & Answers



## **Carl Towner**

Professional Project Manager

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•Served in Nepal with INGO

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Chief Executive of The Lenton Centre
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Manager/Consultant/Trainer



### **The Lenton Centre**





## A Quote to Kick-off...

## "A true entrepreneur takes the first step and then just keeps going"

Deborah Meadem



## ...and the `but'!

"A true entrepreneur takes the first step and then just keeps going"

**Deborah Meadem** 

Just after she said...

"It's probably just as well they don't know what's ahead of them!"



### **Creating an Entrepreneurial Culture - TLC**



LEISURE CENTRE

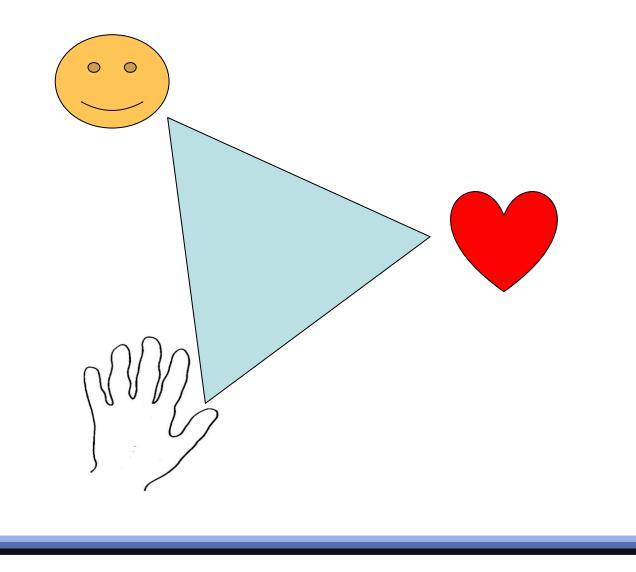
Run by Nottingham City Council •Pool

- •P001
- •Gym
- Sunbed room
- •Reception
- •Staff Room/office
- •Un-used space
  - Flat, Car Park, Outbuildings

COMMUNITY CENTRE *Run by Lenton Community Association* •Hall •Kitchen •Meeting Rooms •Reception/office



## **Creating an Entrepreneurial Culture**



# Heart

What is your `passion'?



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## Heart

What is your passion?

- Keeps you going
- Gives you direction
- Provides you point of reference



#### **TLC Mission Statement**

The Lenton Centre will be a social enterprise at the heart of a increasingly vibrant community, attracting and welcoming people from all generations and cultures into a bright, well-designed environment to enjoy a holistic range of learning and health-giving leisure activities.

A friendly sanctuary, the Centre will offer a first point of contact for residents and students, promoting harmony and well being.



## **TLC Strategic Objectives**

- 'To get the Pool open'
- 'To be self sustainable'
- `To develop the centre to meet the needs of the Lenton community'
- 'To be ethical & environmentally friendly'

# Head

#### What you need to know?



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## Profit





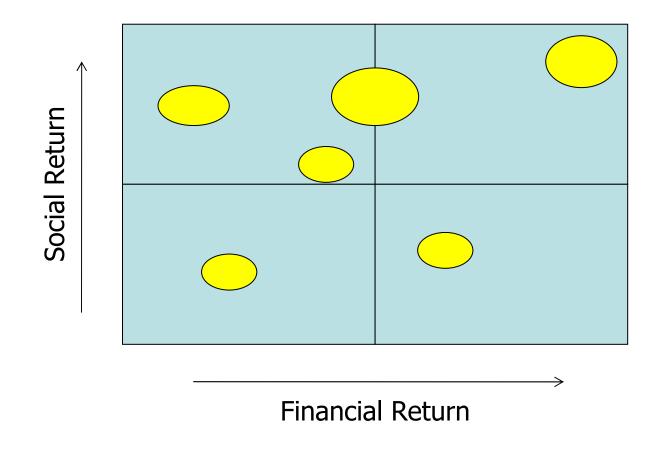
## **Full Cost Recovery (FCR)**





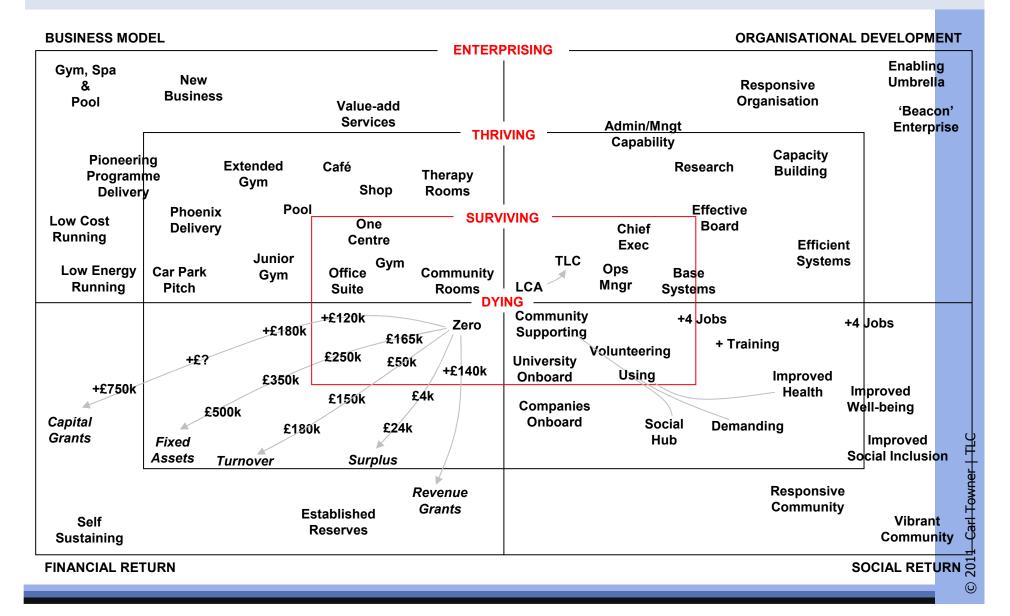


### **Return on Investment**



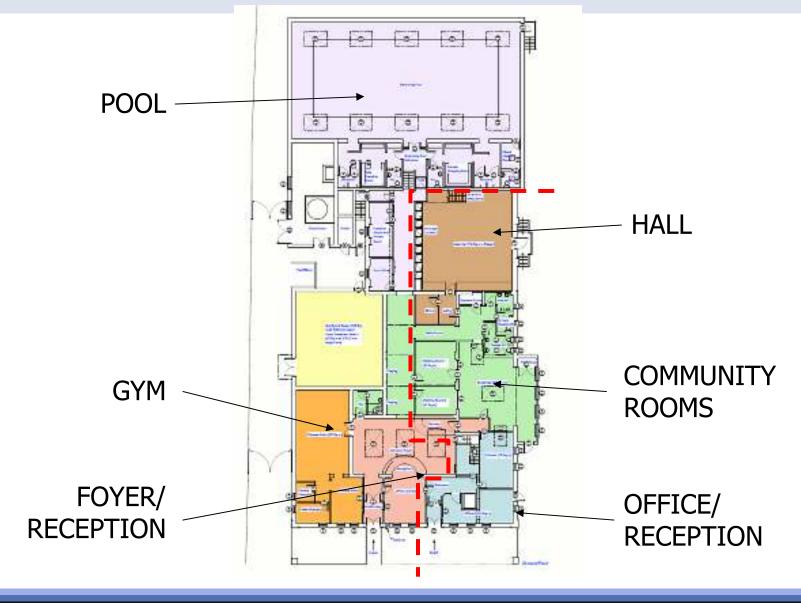


#### **TLC Balanced Scorecard**



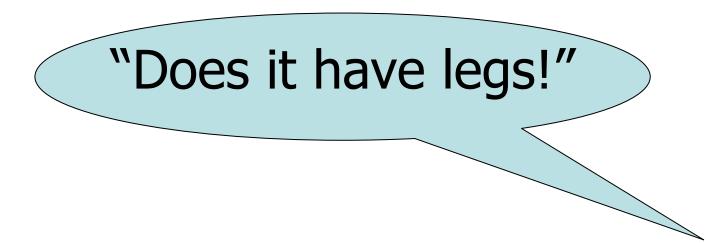


### Sweating the asset





### **Know your numbers!**



Linda Damerell, DTA



### Just say...



# ...now how do we do that?

# Hand

What you need to do!

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#### **TLC Journey - Issues**

- Cash!
  - New building with new costs but not yet new revenue streams!
- Viability
  - Need to develop business model wider than just 'old operation'
- Capacity
  - Need to grow the organisation
  - Need to grow networks for sourcing funding, people & business
- Capability
  - Need to develop ability to deliver business
    - Need to develop entrepreneurial skills to realise opportunities

#### • Flexibility

- Continually adjusting Business Model in response to experience



### **KEY SUCCESS FACTORS (early days)**

- Outrage & indignation!
  - Created energy!
- Jenny's 'call to arms'
  - Directed it!!
- Persistent `merry band'
  - Kept it going!
- Key skills, support & money at key times
  - Kept on keeping it going
- Change in strategy (two stage approach)
  - Enabled the Council to seriously consider it
- Change in climate (towards local implementation)
  - Encouraged the Council to go for it!
- SEEM Money
  - Enabled 'real work' to really happen!
- ACF Process
  - Catalyst towards 'real business'



### **KEY RISKS**

- Cash!
  - Need enough to keep us going while we sort things out!
- Complacency
  - Can't relax need to keep the 'pedal to the metal!'
- Customers
  - Need more where is demand? How do we capture it?
- sCope
  - Need more wider than just 'old operation'
- Capacity
  - Need more more people doing less
- Capability
  - Need more skills to deliver



## **Today's Entrepreneurs**





## **Three Entrepreneurs**





### **TLC Financial 'Game Plan'**

