

## COUNCIL

18 April 2024

### LEISURE FINANCING

#### Report of the Leader of the Council

Corporate Priorities	All	
Exempt Information	Yes: The Confidential Supplementary Note and the agenda supplement will be a private agenda item since they contain exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A: information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).	
If yes please state relevant paragraph from Schedule 12A LGA 1972:	Exemption authorised by Chief Executive or in his absence by Strategic Director: 8 April 2024	
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## 1 SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### 1.1 Summary

- 1.1.1 At its meeting on 25th March 2024 Council considered the information contained within report number 26/2024, the report of the Leader of the Council on the subject

of the contract for operation of Catmose Sports Centre (Leisure Contract) and voted upon the recommendations contained in the exempt Appendix B to the report.

1.1.2 Cabinet has acted upon the direction given to it by Council and will meet on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to consider the information contained within report number 55/2024 for the purpose of approving a recommendation to Council on the proposed options for funding leisure in Rutland.

1.1.3 At the time of publication Cabinet is yet to meet. As soon as reasonably practicable following the Cabinet meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April, an agenda supplement will be published setting out Cabinet's recommendations. It is likely that the agenda supplement will be a private agenda item since it will contain exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A: information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

## **1.2 Recommendations**

1.2.1 That Council debates and votes upon the recommendations of Cabinet set out in the agenda supplement.

## **1.3 Reasons for Recommendations**

1.3.1 There are significant savings to be delivered across all directorates of the Council and a number of risks in their delivery. There may also be a need to find further saving in future years if cost, demand or government funding do not meet the current assumptions in the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

1.3.2 There is no statutory requirement for councils to provide sports and leisure facilities. Councils receive no dedicated funding from government to provide sports and leisure services and facilities. It is therefore important that when Council considers options for funding leisure it has regard to the need to minimise the impact on the Council's statutory duties and the potential consequences upon levels of service performance.

## **2 REPORT TO CABINET 16TH APRIL 2024**

2.1 In undertaking the current task, Council will be required to base its decision on the same considerations as Cabinet took into account on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024. For that reason Members are directed to read the report to Cabinet published on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 for consideration at its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The Cabinet report contains the full background and implications of the recommendations to Council and Members should read the report at Appendix A:

<https://rutlandcounty.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=133&MId=2799>

## **3 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

3.1 Report No. 26/2024 considered by Council on 25th March 2024.

## **4 APPENDICES**

4.1 Appendix A – Report No. 55/2024 considered by Cabinet on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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