

Report No. 56/2024 - Supplementary Report

At its meeting on 16th April 2024 Cabinet considered the options for funding leisure set out in report 55/2024. In undertaking that process Cabinet had regard to the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and its Corporate Strategy and applied the criteria set out at paragraph 1.3.3. of report 55/2024, namely that Cabinet considered removing planned investments where there are no

- recent and/or significant new duties
- trend of demand/cost increase
- investment requirement to deliver savings

Having deliberated, Cabinet approved the following recommendation to Council:

That Cabinet recommends the proposed options to funding leisure for Council to consider and approve. Cabinet recognises that in order to finance the management of Catmose Leisure Centre, significant budgetary provision must be found, Cabinet considers that the only viable option is to redirect funding allocated for Flood Management and the Climate Change Officer to Leisure Services for management of Catmose Leisure Centre.

The recommendations for Council to debate and vote on at its Special Meeting on 18th April 2024 are as follows:

Recommendation 1: that Council accepts the recommendation of Cabinet and approves the redirection of funding allocated for Flood management and the Climate Change officer to Leisure Service for management of Catmose Leisure Centre.

If Recommendation 1 is carried:

Recommendation 2: to approve the award of the Leisure Contract to the preferred bidder.

If Recommendation 2 is carried:

Recommendation 3: to delegate authority to the Strategic Director for Places in consultation with the Leader of the Council to make all arrangements necessary to mobilise the new contract, including but not limited to the transfer of operations from the outgoing operator to the incoming operator.

NB if either of Recommendation 1 or Recommendation 2 is not carried:

Recommendation 2: that Council delegates authority to the Strategic Director for Places in consultation with the Strategic Director for Resources, the Strategic Director for Law & Governance and the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Finance, to not award the leisure contract and conclude arrangements regarding any financial liabilities to the Council arising from the decision. Where the total financial liabilities to

the Council arising from the decision taken exceed £250,000, the Strategic Director for Places, in consultation with the Strategic Director for Resources, the Strategic Director for Law & Governance and the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Finance, will take a report to Cabinet seeking approval to conclude arrangements.