

East Herts Council Report

Council

Date of meeting: 21 October 2020

Report by: Councillor Geoffrey Williamson – Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Financial Sustainability

Report title: Report of urgent key decision taken on 7 August 2020 – Sports and Leisure Management Ltd Financial Support for Re-opening Leisure Centres

Ward(s) affected: All

Summary – as required by East Herts' Constitution, any urgent decision taken outside the budget and policy framework must be reported to Council. The urgent key decision taken by the Leader on 7 August 2020 is therefore now reported to Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL:

- a) To note the urgent key decision taken by the Leader on 7 August 2020 to provide a loan to Sports and Leisure Management Ltd to support re-opening of Leisure Centres**

1.0 Proposal(s)

1.1 That Council note the fact that an urgent key decision outside the budget and policy framework was taken by the Leader.

2.0 Background

2.1 A request for financial support was received from Sports and Leisure Management Ltd, the operator of the leisure centres within the East Herts District. The consent of the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee was given to the taking of a decision as a matter of urgency to agree to provision of such

support. The decision was authorised by the Leader, and publicised on the Council's website on 7 August 2020. Members were provided with access to the restricted reports setting out full details.

2.2 It is a requirement of the Council's Constitution that any decision which is outside the budget and policy framework, and which is taken as a matter of urgency, should be reported to the next meeting of the Council. This report is submitted to enable Council to note the fact that this urgent key decision has been taken.

3.0 Reason(s)

3.1 A decision which is contrary to policy or contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the budget may be taken by the Executive or an individual Member of the Executive if the decision is a matter of urgency. However, the Council must then receive a report at the next available meeting, on such decisions.

3.2 The restricted report which accompanied the decision notice sets out the reasons for urgency for the decision to be taken.

4.0 Options

4.1 None, as the procedure is clear that Council should receive a report on such decisions.

5.0 Risks

5.1 None.

6.0 Implications/Consultations

6.1 None, in relation to noting the fact that this decision has been taken. Implications which relate to the decision itself are identified in the original report accompanying the decision.

Community Safety

No

Data Protection

No

Equalities

No

Environmental Sustainability

No

Financial

No

Health and Safety

No

Human Resources

No

Human Rights

No

Legal

No

Specific Wards

No

7.0 Background papers, appendices and other relevant material

7.1 Appendix A - Decision Record, Appendix B – original report.

Appendix C - appendices to the original report, (restricted items).

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