

NOTIFICATION OF KEY DECISION TO BE TAKEN

GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE

DETAILS OF DECISION	
Title of Report	Leisure Management Contract – Post COVID review and management arrangements
Description/Nature of matter requiring Key Decision	<p>Cabinet approval is being sought for interim management arrangements post COVID to enable a full review and evaluation of the options for the long-term management of the council's leisure centres in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Business Closure) (England) Regulations 2020 (the Regulations) took effect on 21 March 2020 resulting in the council's 8 externally managed leisure centres/facilities being closed and the majority of leisure centre staff being put on the Government's furlough scheme.</p> <p>Since that point the council has followed Government guidance and policy in supporting its leisure management contractor during the lockdown period. As the industry emerges from lockdown it enters a period of crisis and uncertainty both operationally and financially.</p>
Decision taker	Cabinet
Date by which Key Decision must be taken	14 July 2020
Reason why it was impracticable for decision to be on the Forward Plan	Up until this point the uncertainty and swiftly changing environment of the COVID-19 pandemic made it difficult to plan in advance.
Reason why the decision cannot wait for inclusion in the next Forward Plan	The next Forward Plan to be published will be the September 2020 Forward Plan. The previous financial support packages only cover the period 23 March to 30 June 2020.
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