

Report of	Meeting	Date
Deputy Chief Executive (Introduced by the Executive Member (Early Intervention))	Executive Cabinet	15 <sup>th</sup> October 2020

## **LEISURE CONTRACT - APPROVAL TO USE UK LEISURE PROCUREMENT FRAMEWORK**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To gain approval to use an existing UK Leisure Framework as attached in Appendix 1 (Access Agreement) to deliver any capital development projects that may need to be conducted imminently at Leisure centres.
2. To gain approval for the scope of development projects to be conducted to be delegated to the Executive Member for Early Intervention.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

3. To approve the use of the UK Leisure Procurement Framework to conduct development projects at Leisure centres.
4. To approve that the decision for the scope of the works to be conducted be delegated to the Executive Member for Early Intervention and approved via the executive member decision process.

<b>Confidential report</b> Please bold as appropriate	Yes	<b>No</b>
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<b>Key Decision?</b> Please bold as appropriate	Yes	<b>No</b>
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<b>Reason</b> Please bold as appropriate	1, a change in service provision that impacts upon the service revenue budget by £100,000 or more	2, a contract worth £100,000 or more
	3, a new or unprogrammed capital scheme of £100,000 or more	4, Significant impact in environmental, social or physical terms in two or more wards

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **(If the recommendations are accepted)**

5. Use of the framework will allow any works to the centres to be deployed in effective timescale whilst ensuring the process is compliant with OJEU procurement regulations.

## ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

6. Undertake the delivery of the projects in-house and commence a separate procurement process. This was rejected as we do not have the expertise to deliver such projects and it would take a considerable amount of time to conduct the procurement exercise for a variety of services and suppliers.
7. The ability to use the framework will expire in January 2021 therefore to delay submitting our intention to use the framework would mean that we would not be able to make use of this existing framework if we needed to commit to work before January 2021.

## CORPORATE PRIORITIES

8. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all		A strong local economy	
Clean, safe and healthy homes and communities		An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	

## BACKGROUND

9. Following the report to Members of the General Purposes Committee on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 the Council have agreed to bring the management of the Leisure facilities in-house whilst the longer-term options are considered.
10. The preferred bidder had intended to use Alliance Leisure to develop and deliver capital development projects across the sites, utilising their experience and knowledge of leisure facilities development.
11. Alliance Leisure have developed a framework which has been approved to be used by Local Authorities and is compliant with OJEU regulations but this framework expires in 2021.
12. The sustainability of the centres depends on the investment to increase capacity and attract new members. The current situation regarding additional measures and restrictions in place as a result of Covid control measures puts a further strain on capacity requirements at sites.
13. It is therefore anticipated that we will still need to consider conducting some of the developments that had been intended for the sites and as assessed and approved through the procurement process
14. It is likely that these would focus on developments to extend the capacity of the gym and studios space for group exercise to attract new members and work to improve the appearance of wet side changing areas to improve the user experience.
15. Agreeing to use the framework provided by Alliance Leisure provides the ability to carry this work out in a timely manner if required.

## IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

16. The risk associated is that the Council is not able to conduct any imminent developments to the sites that were anticipated to take place as part of the Leisure review process and this has significant impact on financial sustainability of the facilities.
17. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance	✓	Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal	✓	Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this		Policy and Communications	

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**COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER**

18. To budget for development projects at the Council’s leisure centres is included in the capital programme with additional approval gained by General Purposes committee on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

**COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER**

19. The decision seeks authority to use a framework to enable the speedy letting of contracts and implementation of works. The contracts and works at this stage are not defined. However, it is appropriate to agree to this approach with all contract awards (at intermediate value and above) being delegated to the Executive Member as proposed at paragraph 4. The use of frameworks is a permitted procurement methodology under the CPR.

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