

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

26 SEPTEMBER 2019

URGENCY ITEMS - MINUTE OF DECISION

Delegation arrangements for dealing with matters of urgency

Paragraph 7.2.1 of the Council's Constitution provides that Chief Officers may take urgent decisions if they are of the opinion that circumstances exist which make it necessary for action to be taken by the Council prior to the time when such action could be approved through normal Council Procedures. They shall, where practicable, first consult with the Leader and Chairman (or in their absence the Vice Chairman) and the Opposition Spokesperson of the appropriate committee (Constitution incorporating a scheme of delegation approved by the Council on 14th May 2013)

Subject: New Swimming Pool at Dukeries Leisure Centre

Appropriate Committee: Leisure & Environment Committee and Policy & Finance Committee

Details of Item:

The purpose of this urgency item is to provide members with an update on progress in relation to the above project and to advise that an instruction to proceed to the next stage of the project has been issued.

Members will be aware that the project has formal approval to progress subject to costs being within the approved budget of £2.5M. Of this budget £2m is for the new build and £500K is for ancillary works as may be required to ensure the re-provision of car parking spaces, access arrangements and soft landscaping as part of the overall scheme. The Project Team has reviewed and risk assessed the submitted feasibility study and is pleased to report that currently the project remains within the approved budget of £2m. Accordingly, members are advised that an instruction to proceed to RIBA Stage 3 and 4 has been issued to Total Swimming, the project developer. This will enable the scheme to progress to detailed design and cost plan to provide greater certainty on the overall project costs in order that risks relating to the provision of utilities services are fully costed and understood.

The instruction issued allows the project to progress without unnecessary delays with options to review the project at detailed design stage to ensure that it remains in cost and can proceed to tender stage. At this stage a further review will take place to protect the Council's position and to ensure deliverability as per approvals. Should this not be the case a report will be presented to L&E and P&F Committee for further consideration at the appropriate time.

Financial Implications (FIN19-20/1302)

No direct financial implications arising from this report.

Decision

Urgency Item agreed by Members listed in order to ensure that the project proceeds without unnecessary delay.

Members Consulted:

Councillor David Lloyd – Leader of the Council and Chairman of Policy & Finance (05/08/19)

Councillor Paul Peacock – Opposition Spokesperson Policy & Finance (05/08/19)

Councillor Roger Jackson - Chairman of Leisure & Environment (05/08/19)

Councillor Yvonne Woodhead – Opposition Spokesperson Leisure & Environment (05/08/19)

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Lloyd', written in a cursive style.

Date 06/08/2019

Director - Communities & Environment