

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.

Given the current emergency in respect of the Covid 19 pandemic and the decision taken to suspend committee meetings while social distancing measures continue, the urgency decision provision under Paragraph 7.2.1 of the Council's Constitution has been widened to extend the consultation to include the Leaders of all the political groups on the Council.

Subject: Payment of Management Fees to Active4Today for 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Appropriate Committee: Leisure and Environment and Policy & Finance

Details of Item

This urgency item is required to assist Active4Today (A4T) with financial fluidity and cash flow during the current Covid-19 pandemic as detailed below.

Members will be aware that there is a management fee provision in the annual revenue budget to pay Active4Today should this be required to be paid over based on annual performance. The decision to release the payment is determined on the outturn position and is presented to Leisure and Environment Committee in June for member consideration.

The Council's 3 leisure centres and Southwell Leisure Centre were closed on 17th March and remain so which has impacted on income. Accordingly, the outturn position is expected to present a deficit of circa £3,500 with the retained management fee included in the calculation. Given that the current committee cycle has been suspended until further notice the second instalment for 2019/20 (£60,610) should now be released to assist A4T's cash flow requirements.

In addition, the first instalment for 2020/21 has now been requested by Active4Today (£60,610) along with the management fee for strategic management support to Southwell Leisure Centre Trust (SLCT) (£80,850) in order to assist with cash flow requirements to cover current and ongoing revenue implications.

The proposal is therefore to release the balance of the 2019/20 payment, the first instalment of the 2020/21 management fee (£60,610) and the strategic management support to SLCT (£80,850) in order to support the operational requirements of the District's leisure centres including Southwell which form the A4T leisure offer.

The decision outlined below, as considered and supported by SLT on Tuesday 21 April 2020, is approved under Urgent Delegated decision making powers, to proceed with the payment of management fees as detailed above.

Decision

That the management fee balance for 2019/20, first instalment for 2020/21 and the strategic management support fee to SLCT for 20/21 be paid to Active4Today.

Members Consulted:

- Cllr. David Lloyd – Leader of the Council and Chairman of P & F Committee
- Cllr. Keith Girling – Deputy Leader of the Council and Vice Chairman of P & F Committee
- Cllr. Paul Peacock – Leader of the Labour Group
- Cllr. Peter Harris – Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group
- Cllr. Gill Dawn – Leader of the Independent Group
- Cllr. Roger Jackson – Chair of L & E Committee
- Cllr. Neill Mison – Vice Chair of L & E Committee
- Cllr. Ronnie White – P & F Committee Member
- Cllr. Brendan Clarke-Smith – P & F Committee Member
- Cllr. Tim Wendels – P & F Committee Member

All members consulted on 24th April 2020, reports emailed and follow up telephone call or voice mail message left.



Signed

Date 24th April 2020

Director - Communities & Environment