

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	Monday, 25 July 2022	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	E/25.07.22/7&18	Executive (Councillors A. Western, Adshead, Harding, Patel, Ross, Slater, Williams and Wright.)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

LEISURE STRATEGY REVIEW

- (1) That the outcomes of the RIBA Stage 3 consultation for the redevelopment of Altrincham, Sale and Stretford Leisure Centre be noted.
- (2) That the facility mix, and design for the redevelopment of Altrincham Leisure Centre as set out in the report, be approved.
- (3) That approval be given to progression to RIBA Stage 4 and full construction within the approved capital budget following the completion of RIBA stage 3 for Altrincham Leisure Centre, and updated business case.
- (4) That the temporary full closure of Altrincham Leisure Centre be approved, to allow refurbishment work to take place.
- (5) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Governance, to negotiate terms with and agree the terms of any contracts and appointments for the relevant contractors and specialists required to deliver the project and to award such contracts and appointments.
- (6) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place to submit planning permission for the redevelopment of Altrincham Leisure Centre including for Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) works once confirmed.
- (7) That authority be delegated to the Director of Legal and Governance to enter and sign and/or seal the said agreements and contracts on behalf of the Council.
- (8) That it be noted that any significant changes, to either the capital costs identified on completion of RIBA stage 4 or the independently reviewed business case for Altrincham Leisure Centre, will be brought back to Executive for further review and/or approval, and in advance of the Council entering into contractual commitments on the overall capital spend if required.
- (9) That the update on the refurbishment proposals for Sale and Stretford leisure centres be noted. Any further commitments to the future phases of the leisure investment programme will only be made when it can be confirmed back to the Executive that the future ongoing subsidy requirements can be contained within the existing budgetary provision. This is to avoid any additional pressure being placed on the current medium term budget gap of the Council.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Leisure Centres help support the health and wellbeing of the general population, helping people to live longer and in better health. In turn, reducing the growing burden upon the health and social care system. Trafford has a declining leisure asset, which is leading to a loss of market share by Trafford Leisure and will also negatively impact on the ability to recover usage back to at least pre-COVID levels. The Council is currently subsidising Trafford Leisure losses from its approved revenue budget, which is estimated to be

£1m per annum and is expected to rise as the assets decline. With the facilities in decline the strategic importance of this to the Council's aims and corporate priorities is paramount.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Do nothing; undertake short term ongoing maintenance works with associated additional costs required to ensure the centre can remain open; or rationalise the leisure centre estate to reduce the cost of the redevelopments, and ongoing maintenance as well as release capital to fund the redevelopments. Further details of options considered are set out in section 9 of the report.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

Scrutiny Call in Deadline

Tuesday, 2 August 2022
(Decision can be implemented on the next working day, unless called in).

PUBLICATION DATE

Tuesday, 26 July 2022

RECORDED BY:

Director of Legal and Governance