

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET
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Recommendation from the Special Overview and Scrutiny Committee
8th February 2012

Future Arrangements for the Management of Sports and Leisure Centres

The Committee considered a report from the Cultural Services Manager on Future Arrangements for the management of the Sports and Leisure Centres.

Recommend to Cabinet:

- 1. In order to meet the future needs of the District as this is the most affordable and sustainable option a new leisure centre based on Option 3, including a swimming pool, should be progressed,**
- 2. That to enable the provision of at least one swimming pool in the District by the Council until such time as a new leisure centre is built, that the current contract with DC Leisure be extended for 3 years, with an option to terminate at 6 months notice.**
- 3. Wyre Forest Glades Leisure Centre closure will be the earliest of:**
 - (a) when a new leisure centre is complete; or**
 - (b) if the site needs to be vacated in order to allow its development by any purchaser of the site; or**
 - (c) the end of the 3 year extension to the current contract in March 2016;****but not before 30th September 2013 in any case.**
- 4. Stourport Sports Centre will cease to be operated by Wyre Forest District Council when the new leisure centre is complete or at the end of the 3 year extension to the current contract in March 2016 if an asset transfer has not been possible and that further consideration should be given for the continued use of the site for community sport (not to exclude use by any commercial sports providers);**
- 5. The transfer of Bewdley Leisure Centre and playing fields should be secured and a negotiated withdrawal from the dual use agreement;**
- 6. The Director of Planning and Regulatory Services and the Director of Legal and Corporate Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Well-being be authorised to enter into negotiations for the acquisition of the preferred site for the new leisure centre identified in Exempt Appendix 1.**

- 7. Following acquisition of the site the appropriate Directors in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Well Being, commence the procurement exercise using the restricted procedure for a Design Build Operate Maintain (DBOM) contract for the build and operation of the new leisure centre.**

- 8. That the Capital and Revenue Budgets associated with Option 3 as set out in Section 5.3 of this report and Exempt Appendix 2 be approved and included in Cabinet's final budget strategy proposals in February (exact phasing to be confirmed together with final costs following site acquisition and competitive procurement).**