

Legal & Governance Services
Director – Hugh Peart

PUBLIC NOTICE 1

PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION (PHD) MEETING WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2020 at 10.00am

Pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 notice is hereby given that the Leader of the Council proposes to take a Key Decision at the Portfolio Holder Decision (PHD) Meeting to be held on Wednesday 22 July 2020 virtually:

Leisure Contract – Future Options

The reasons why compliance with Regulation 9 or 10 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 was impracticable is that:

This decision is urgent as Covid-19 resulted in the closure of the Council's Leisure Centres. The government are now allowing gyms and swimming pools to re-open subject to social distancing and health and safety measures being put in place.. The government has confirmed that indoor leisure centres will be able to reopen from the 25th July 2020.

Reopening the leisure centres is consistent with the council's health objectives. A decision on this matter was not possible until the government had stated when gyms and swimming pools could reopen.

At the time of the publication of the Key Decision Schedule or prior to its publication, it could not have been envisaged that a meeting would be required.

The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed that the meeting is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred. Additionally, the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee has waived call-in and agreed that the decision proposed is reasonable in the circumstances and should be treated as a matter of urgency as any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests for the following reasons:

The decision is urgent and cannot wait until the scheduled meeting of Cabinet on 10 September 2020 as this would delay the re-opening of Harrow Leisure Centre.



Director of Legal and Governance Services
Date: 21 July 2020