

# PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION MEETING MINUTES

## 22 JULY 2020

**Chair:** \* Councillor Graham Henson

**In attendance:** \* Keith Ferry Minute 43  
**(Councillors)**

\* Denotes Member present

### 36. **Declarations of Interest**

**RESOLVED:** To note that there were no declarations of interests made by Members.

### 37. **Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2020 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

### 38. **Petitions**

**RESOLVED:** To note that no petitions had been received.

### 39. **Public Questions**

**RESOLVED:** To note that no public questions were received.

### 40. **Matters referred to the Executive Member**

**RESOLVED:** To note that no matters had been referred to the Leader of the Council for consideration.

**41. Reports from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Sub-Committees**

**RESOLVED:** To note that none were received.

**42. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

**RESOLVED:** That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item for the reasons set out below:

<u>Agenda Item No</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Description of Exempt Information</u>
8.	Leisure Contract – Future Options	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).  Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

**RESOLVED ITEMS**

**43. Leisure Contract - Future Options**

The Leader of the Council considered a confidential report relating to Leisure Contract – Future Options.

Upon requesting that his gratitude be conveyed to the officers for their work and efforts in preparing the report, the Leader of the Council

**RESOLVED:** To agree the recommendations as set out in the confidential report.

**Reason for Decision:** To ensure that leisure facilities that had been closed due to the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, could re-open following government approval.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** As set out in the report.

**Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Leader/Dispensation Granted:** None.

*[Call-in did not apply as a waiver of Call-in had been obtained from the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that the decision proposed was reasonable 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 interests.]*

*Reasons for Urgency: This decision was urgent as Covid-19 resulted in the closure of the Council's Leisure Centres. The government were now allowing gyms and swimming pools to re-open subject to social distancing and health and safety measures being put in place. The government had confirmed that indoor leisure centres would be able to reopen from the 25th July 2020.]*

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 10.00 am, closed at 10.04 am).

(Signed) COUNCILLOR GRAHAM HENSON  
Chair