

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting11th February 2016

1. Title of Item/Report

The Future Management Arrangements for The Council's Leisure Facilities

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the future management arrangements for the Council's leisure facilities

Tees Active Limited (TAL) was set up by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) and had been operating SBC Leisure facilities since May 2004. They were formed as a charitable social enterprise, an industrial and provident society, for the benefit of the community. They were a non-profit distributing company with all surpluses reinvested into the service.

Over the past decade SBC and TAL had developed a strong strategic partnership, jointly investing in facility improvements and planning services for the long-term, achieving continuous growth in usage for reduced subsidies. Since 2004 TAL had reduced the subsidy per visitor from £1.66 to 75p.

To ensure continuity of this strategic alliance, giving TAL planning certainty as a basis for commercial investment decisions, Officers sought approval to enter a further funding agreement beyond the term of the current agreement.

TAL currently manage Billingham Forum, Splash, Thornaby Pavilion, Thornaby Pool, The River Tees White Water Course (which also includes the Sky-Climb facility).

The future funding would be on a reducing basis, reflecting continued budget pressures.

RESOLVED that:-

1. A new funding agreement be entered into with Tees Active to allow them to continue to deliver leisure services in Stockton beyond 2019.

2. Agreement of detailed terms of the funding agreement be delegated to the Director of Culture, Events & Leisure, in conjunction with the Leader of the Council.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To allow Tees Active to develop medium terms plans for leisure services and the management of the SBC leisure facilities that accommodate a further reduction in subsidy from SBC. These plans are likely to include changes in structure, and the development of new aspects of provision requiring small scale investment, which cannot be implemented effectively within the remaining 3 year term of the current funding agreement. The decision also enables the alignment of future funding with the terms of the facility leases.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Mrs Wilburn declared a personal prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 6 - The Future Management Arrangements for the Council's Leisure Facilities as she was a on the board of TAL. Councillor Mrs Wilburn withdrew from the meeting and left the room during consideration of the item.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 19 February 2016.

Proper Officer
15 February 2016