

CABINET

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

2ND JULY 2014

1. DOLPHIN CENTRE REPLACEMENT

The Cabinet has considered a report on the proposed replacement of the Dolphin Centre.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that Option 2a, as set out below, be confirmed as the preferred option for the replacement of the Dolphin Centre at a total project cost of £11.5m:

Facility Mix

- Main Pool – 25m by 13m (6 lanes) with 100 spectator seats
 - Learner Pool – 12m by 8m with moveable floor
 - Fitness Suite – 80 stations with functional training spaces supporting up to 1800 members
 - Dance Studio – 2 spaces for up to 60 people
 - Spinning Studio – for up to 25 people
 - Spa facilities and treatment rooms – Sauna, Steam room and Jacuzzi
 - Ancillary facilities includes car park of 200 spaces
- (b) that within the total cost, this Council purchases the Blackmore House site on School Drive from Worcestershire County Council at a value of £1.425m;
- (c) that borrowing of £9.536m be approved to fund the majority of the costs associated with the project;
- (d) that at the completion of the project, the enabling land which will no longer be required on School Drive (currently Car Parking) be considered to be surplus to requirements and be offered to the market to reduce borrowing costs;
- (e) that £100k of balances be used to ensure the total funding of £11.5m for the project is available;
- (f) that officers investigate and implement an option to develop a Dual Use arrangement at North Bromsgrove High School provided that it does not impact on the capital costs incurred by the Council and therefore does not impact on the Medium Term Financial Plan;
- (g) that authority be delegated to the Head of Leisure and Cultural Service and the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Resources following consultation with the Portfolio Holders, to agree the final terms for the disposal of land associated with this project;
- (h) that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services to enter into the necessary legal documents for the purposes of implementing recommendations (a) to (g) above;

- (i) that officers be requested to provide updates on the project at key milestones as agreed with the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Cultural Services to include verbal updates at all Cabinet meetings and an update report once final tender submissions are received to confirm the final project position and proposed timescales.

2. NEW MARKET STALLS

The Cabinet has considered a report on the proposed replacement market stalls for Bromsgrove High Street.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that the 2014/15 Capital Programme be increased by £60k to fund the costs associated with the purchase of the replacement market stalls; and
- (b) that £56k be released from balances to fund the majority of the cost with the additional £4k to be met from current reserves.

3. FINANCIAL OUTFURN AND RESERVES STATEMENT 2013/14

The Cabinet has considered a report with details of financial reserves for the year ended 2013/14 and seeking approval for the creation of new reserves required to support the future plans of the Authority. In addition the report contained further details of the requirement for capital funding of teenage provision in Hagley.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that the movement of £88k in existing reserves as included in Appendix A to the report which reflects the approval required for April 2013 to March 2014 be approved;
- (b) that the addition of new reserves of £495k as included in Appendix 1 to the report which reflects the approval required for April 2013 to March 2014 be approved; and
- (c) that the Capital bid of £80k for Hagley teenage provision to be funded from Section 106 contributions be approved