

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET

CABINET MEETING OF 29 APRIL 2019

DOLPHIN LEISURE CENTRE- PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT WORKS

The Cabinet considered further investment in the Dolphin Leisure Centre, Haywards Heath, and the request that the 2019/20 capital programme be varied, allocating £198k from General Reserve towards jointly funding this project.

Background

1. Since the commencement of the current 15-year Leisure Management Contract in 2014, Places Leisure (formerly Places for People) and Mid Sussex District Council have implemented a jointly funded Leisure Investment Programme.

2. This programme concluded in January 2019, and has seen over £6m invested to date in new and improved facilities at all three Leisure Centres, including:

- Improvements to the gyms
- New lockers
- A comprehensive programme of LED lighting installation
- Improvements to reception areas and Cafes
- Refurbished and upgraded changing Rooms and Health Suite facilities.
- A new Clip n Climb facility at The Triangle
- New exercise studios and spin studios
- Improvements to the Leisure Pool at The Triangle

Some of this investment has resulted in a return for the Council. To date this has provided £82.5k p.a. income for the Council. However, not all investment will provide a return but clearly improves the Council's assets.

3. With this programme coming to an end in late January, Places Leisure approached the Council with a further proposed programme of works specifically to upgrade facilities at The Dolphin in Haywards Heath. The proposed works include:

- Improvements to reception and cafe to incorporate a Costa and a soft-play facility
- Conversion of the existing studio into a new training room
- Conversion of the old bar area into an additional treatment room
- Improvements to the group cycle studio
- Replacement tiling in the wet changing area
- The upgrade of the ground floor toilets

These will not provide a return for the Council but will significantly improve the Council's asset.

4. Work on the ground floor toilets and the wet changing area (which is being funded by Places Leisure) has already commenced and is due to be completed by the end of April; the work to convert the studio and bar area is scheduled for completion by the end of May; and the works to the cycle studio, and incorporation of a soft play facility and Costa are planned to commence in September and be completed by the end of November 2019.

Recommendations

That Council Approve

- a. the proposed works to the Dolphin Leisure Centre, which will be jointly funded by Places Leisure and the Council; and
- b. agree a variation to the 2019/20 capital programme, allocating £198k towards this project from General Reserve.

CABINET MEETING OF 8 JULY 2019

BUDGET MANAGEMENT 2019/20 – PROGRESS REPORT APRIL TO MAY 2019

The Cabinet reviewed the progress on the Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Treasury Management for 2019/20.

Summary

1. The forecast revenue outturn position for 2019/20 at the end of May is showing a projected net underspend of £347,000 against the original estimate, which mainly relates to on-going savings / pressures from 2018/19 which will be built into the 2020/21 budget, as well as additional unbudgeted investment property income.

Recommendations

That Council Approve:

- (i) that £17,484 grant income relating to Local Authority EU Exit preparation Grant be transferred to Specific Reserve as detailed in paragraph 22 of the Cabinet report;
- (ii) that £9,916 grant income relating to Cold Weather Fund Payment Grant be transferred to Specific Reserve as detailed in paragraph 23 of the Cabinet report;
- (iii) that £5,893 grant income relating to Local Authority Data Sharing Programme Grant be transferred to Specific Reserve as detailed in paragraph 24 of the Cabinet report;
- (iv) that £28,200 grant income relating to New Burdens Universal credits be transferred to Specific Reserve as detailed in paragraph 25 of the Cabinet report;
- (v) that £24,857 grant income relating to Implementing Welfare Reform Grant be transferred to Specific Reserve as detailed in paragraph 26 of the Cabinet report;
- (vi) that £756 grant income relating to New Burdens Single Fraud Investigation Service Grant be transferred to Specific Reserve as detailed in paragraph 27 of the Cabinet report;
- (vii) that £31,658 grant income relating to New Burdens Verify Earnings & Pensions Grant be transferred to Specific Reserve as detailed in paragraph 28 of the Cabinet report;

- (viii) the variations to the Capital Programme contained in paragraph 35 of the Cabinet report in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure rule B3.**