

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 15 March 2010

Decision No: (CAB 09/10 2691)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Heritage
SUBJECT:	St Mary's Leisure Centre Management arrangements
AUTHOR:	Mike Harris

THE DECISION

- (i) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Executive Director of Resources and the Solicitor to Council following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Heritage, to grant a service concession to Southampton Solent University for the management and operation of St Mary's Leisure Centre as a publicly accessible facility.
- (ii) To authorise the Solicitor to the Council following consultation with the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and the Executive Director of Resources to do anything necessary to give effect to the proposals contained within this report including, but not limited to, the entering into of agreements, bonds, leases, and such other matters as are ancillary to or expedient for the completion of the project.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To provide a solution to meet the Council's budgetary targets in relation to St Mary's Leisure Centre.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. To continue managing in house. This has been rejected, given the need to meet the overall Council budget requirements and despite improvements in the financial performance of the Centre, they are unable to meet the targets set.
2. Closure. Rejected given the impact on the local community and the opportunities to explore and pursue alternative management options that could meet the Administration's objectives.
3. Include in the broader procurement package. Rejected given that the long

term sustainable option to provide sport and recreation services in the locality is some form of joint project with Solent University. Including in the broader package would complicate and probably prejudice this aim.

4. Progress alternative partnership arrangements. Meetings have been held with another organisation who expressed interest in establishing a Social Enterprise to operate the facility and to subsequently support their role in supporting vulnerable young people . They were seeking a long term commitment to the building and a phased reduction in the revenue support the Council provides. These two factors in particular do not support the current thinking and strategy for the building or revenue commitments.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 15th March 2010

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in (*if applicable*) (*this suspends implementation*)

Call-in Procedure completed (*if applicable*)

Call-in heard by <i>(if applicable)</i>
Results of Call-in <i>(if applicable)</i>