

Decision Ref No	EX.178/02
Subject Matter	<p>LEISURETIME EXTERNALISATION - CHOICE OF PREFERRED PARTNER</p> <p>The Director of Leisure and Community Development reported (LCD.18/02) on the procedures followed, the conclusions reached and the reasons for the conclusions with regard to the selection of a preferred partner for the future operation of the facilities currently managed by Leisuretime.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee was present at the meeting and indicated that the Committee were satisfied with the procedures used in the tendering process. The Committee had suggested the Executive should look at areas where Leisuretime had scored lower than rival tenderers on the points scoring matrix in order that performance in these areas could be improved. Particular attention should be given to catering provision.</p>
Decision	<p>That the Executive recommend to full Council -</p> <p>(1) that Leisuretime Non-Profit Distributing Organisation (NPDO) be selected as the preferred Partner for the future operation of the facilities as defined;</p> <p>(2) that Officers report further on which of the financial options identified in Section 5 of Report LCD.18/02 is to be preferred;</p> <p>(3) that Officers be authorised to enter into negotiations to formalise a contract whereby Leisuretime NPDO is appointed as the Council's partner for delivery of the services and the Capital Improvement Programme and, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to take all necessary actions to achieve this;</p> <p>(4) that the matters in Paragraphs 1-3 inclusive of this Recommendation be subject to the requirements of the Tender Documentation being met, that the terms of the Tender submitted by Leisuretime NPDO are adhered to, and that the issues set out in Section 5 of Report LCD.18/02 are resolved to the entire satisfaction of the Director of Leisure and Community Development;</p> <p>(5) that the proposed final terms of the Contract be reported back to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Community) and through the Executive before the Contract is entered into;</p> <p>(6) that to the extent that the appointment of Leisuretime NPDO may represent a change to the Council's current policy framework for the delivery and methodology of these particular services, the Council be recommended to give approval to this.</p>
Key or Non-Key Decision	<div>Key</div> <div>Key Decision Ref</div> <div>KD.44/02</div>
Portfolio	Health and Wellbeing
Who made decision	Executive
Date	08-Jul-02
Reports and Background Papers considered	Report LCD.18/02

Reasons for Decision

The Qualitative Evaluation demonstrated that Leisuretime NPDO is capable of delivering the required service standards and the systems are in place to secure continuous improvements in those standards and in customer satisfaction. They were at least equal to the best alternative. The Financial Evaluation demonstrated that Leisuretime NPDO can deliver the greatest reduction in revenue costs and at the same time provide the required capital investment (alternatively the Council could choose an option proposed by Leisuretime under which the Council provides the capital investment in exchange for a greater revenue reduction. (Both options produce better financial benefits than any alternatives.) References supported the conclusion that the quality of services offered by one of the competitors was likely to be equivalent to the services offered by Leisuretime but the performance of the other company was less consistent. Interviews allowed the clarification of many points in all of the submissions but provided no reason to change the conclusion to be drawn from the other elements of the Evaluation.

Summary of Options rejected

Appointment of an alternative partner.

Interests declared

None

Date published

10-Jul-02

Urgent decision not subject to call in

Yes

Consent of Chairman/ Deputy Chairman of Council to Urgency

Yes

Deadline for call-in

Not applicable

Implementation date if not called-in

Not applicable

Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Community

Call-in notified to and date notified**Approved for implementation on**