
**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE
HELD ON 17 OCTOBER 2002**

EX.311/02 LEISURETIME EXTERNALISATION – CHOICE OF PREFERRED PARTNER (Key Decision)

Portfolio Health and Wellbeing

Subject Matter

The Director of Leisure and Community Development reported (LC.30/02) on outstanding items relating to the Leisuretime externalisation process. He drew Members' attention to the possibility of reducing the length of the term of contract from the 15 years originally proposed and he drew attention to the views of Carlisle Leisure Limited on the matter which had been circulated.

The Director of Leisure further drew Members' attention to a number of issues which had been outstanding and outlined progress on those issues. The Director of Leisure further added that whilst the services at St James Park had originally been excluded from those to be tendered the preferred partner had now been requested to include those services as part of the contract.

The City Treasurer tabled an addendum to Report LCD.30/02 drawing Members' attention to the implications with regards to employees' pensions following transfer to the Trust.

The observations of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Minute COS.136/02(b) of 10 October 2002) on the Director's report were also tabled at the meeting.

Summary of Options rejected

An option to allow open ended admission arrangements to the Cumbria pension scheme was rejected.

DECISION

(1) That the Executive recommend the City Council to agree the terms being proposed for the contract with Carlisle Leisure Limited as set out in report LCD.30/02 and the term of contract be set at 15 years.

(2) That the City Council be requested to agree the nomination of two Councillors to serve as the City Council's representatives on the Board of Carlisle Leisure Limited.

(3) That the Executive recommends to the City Council that the pension fund arrangements be on a "closed scheme" basis, whereby only employees who were in membership when the transfer took place, or were entitled to become members at that time, could retain or become members of the Cumbria pension scheme.

(4) That the observations of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

(5) That a summary report be presented to the City Council outlining the decisions that the City Council was being required to make together with the overall financial implications.

REASONS FOR DECISION

To enable progress to be made with the Leisuretime externalisation proposals.