

OFFICER DECISION RECORD (ODR2)


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Date of Decision	22 nd April 2025
Decision Taker (including Job Title)	Chris Allman, Director of Planning and Environment
Specific Delegation	<p>MTFS 90 Strategic Leisure Review - Final Proposal, Environment and Communities Committee Decision, 11th March 2024</p> <p>2. Approve the final details of the proposals to meet the MTFS budget savings target for 2024/25 onwards, as set out at paragraphs 39-51 of this report.</p> <p>3. Delegate authority to the Interim Director Environment and Neighbourhoods to take all necessary steps to implement the proposals including but not limited to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Make the necessary changes to the operating agreement with Everybody Health and Leisure to secure additional income or cost reductions to the Council subsidies paid; b. Enter into a modification of the existing leisure operating agreement, subject to the constraints set out in the associated Part 2 report; <hr style="border: 1px solid black; margin: 20px 0;"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Take forward to completion asset disposals at the Holmes Chapel and Middlewich joint use sites, to allow alternative local delivery models to establish; d. Implement pricing increases to the joint / access facilities access agreements for joint use school sites and; e. Enter into "top up" funding agreements with Town and Parish Councils relating to the safeguarding of leisure provision for their local area.
Brief Description of Decision	<p>To approve the payment of £268,135.85 + VAT to Everybody Health and Leisure to fund the 3G pitch replacement at Shavington Leisure Centre as part of the approved capital investment programme (Environment and Communities Committee, 11th March 2024 – Appendix C.</p> <p>https://moderngov.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ecminutes/documents/s115694/Appendix%20C%20Investment%20Proposals.pdf</p>

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	<p>The replacement pitch was more expensive than initially planned (£250k), however this cost was offset against the Nantwich profiled expenditure which came in under price and was authorised by Tom Shuttleworth.</p> <p>A report updating on the progress of the operating agreement will be shared with committee which will provide an update on the investment schemes.</p>
Reasons for the Decision and alternatives considered	<p>As discussed in the ECC report, the approved investment proposals are a series of invest to save proposals across the Leisure Estate. One of these proposals was the replacement of the 3G pitch at Shavington Leisure Centre. Everybody Health and Leisure has procured these works which were delivered on time and on budget. The Council is now required to transfer the funds to EHL to pay for the works completed.</p> <p>The Council could have not delivered the project which would have meant the facility was life limited. The outdoor football pitch is a key asset to the leisure centre and ensuring this meets the standards expected of customers helps to ensure the facility remains competitive against private sector operators. Such investments are essential to retain and grow membership.</p>
Member consultation and interests declared	Please refer to ECC report
Significant Decision	NO
Legal Implications	<p>I approve and endorse this ODR on the following basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It complies with the Council's constitution; • Is entered into further to the appropriate delegation; • whereas it might have been hoped that in orchestrating the carrying out of the works EHL might have considered the award of collateral warranties to the Council, the moment has now passed. The Council may wish to explore with EHL whether now or at a later stage the benefit of any warranties held by EHL under any contract with whomsoever carried out the upgrade works whether they might be transferred or otherwise preserved for the benefit of the Council. If and to the extent that the above noted payment to EHL exceeds the amount initially approved by the committee on enquiry it is understood that this balances out in terms of total spend under the program to which this relates and this will be picked up when next reported to committee <p>Adrian Leslie - Lawyer Contracts & Procurement Team adrian.Leslie@cheshireeast.gov.uk</p> <p>4/6/25</p>

Financial Implications	<p><i>The 2024/25 MTFS capital programme for Environment and Communities includes the Strategic Leisure Review scheme with 2024/25 spend approved at £2.9m and funded from prudential borrowing. This item forms part of that line and is therefore agreed.</i></p> <p><i>Noted that the capital programme as a whole is under review and services need to reduce their call on prudential borrowing where possible. However, these works are at an advanced stage with the SLR committee report being approved on 11 March 2024.</i></p> <p><i>Steve Reading, Finance, 26/11/2024</i></p>
Confidential /Exempt Information	No
Background Papers	<p><u>Report Template</u></p> <p><u>https://moderngov.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ecminutes/documents/s115692/Appendix%20A%20SLR%20Consultation%20Report.pdf</u></p> <p><u>https://moderngov.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ecminutes/documents/s115693/Appendix%20B%20SLR%20EIA.pdf</u></p> <p><u>https://moderngov.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ecminutes/documents/s115694/Appendix%20C%20Investment%20Proposals.pdf</u></p>



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