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## REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS

- 1 Pursuant to Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15(g), it is reported to Council that the following decisions were taken as a matter of urgency and not subject to call in:-
  - 1.1 That, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Community and the Portfolio Holder for Finance, the preferred option set out in paragraph 5 of this report for the reopening of leisure facilities within the district be approved.
  - 1.2 That additional budget of up to £429,500 be approved to enable the preferred option to be implemented to the end of the financial year 2020/21, subject to agreement by Fusion Lifestyle to the proposed letter of variation to the current contract. The Council would seek to fund the additional costs through application of general COVID-19 grant funding, subject to there being sufficient to meet the Council's total financial pressures in 2020/21. Any balance of funding required would need to be drawn from the Council's reserves.
  - 1.3 That, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Community and Portfolio Holder for Finance, the Assistant Director, Commercial & Assets initiates negotiations with Fusion Lifestyle to agree a new commercial arrangement for the operation of the facilities beyond the 2020/21 financial year and brings a report to the Executive in December 2020 setting out the terms of the proposed agreement.
  - 1.4 That a draw-down from reserves of up to £25,000 be approved for external legal, financial and technical advice to support contract negotiations and the financial scrutiny of Fusion Lifestyle's accounts during 2020/21, to ensure that longer term value for money is achieved for the Council.

Reason: Due to the fact that any delay will seriously prejudice the interest of the Council in that it will have an impact on the delivery of the current leisure contract. It will also have an impact on the public's interest with regard to the delivery of the leisure services within the district.

- 1.5 That the Materials Recovery Facilities Contract (the "New Contract") be awarded to the incumbent provider Viridor from 4 November 2020.

Reason: Due to the fact that a delay in awarding the contract will put at risk the Council's ability to undertake statutory waste collection duties.

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