
SUBJECT:	<i>Leisure Centre Operator Contract Renewal</i>
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform Members of the requirement to commence with the process of re-tendering the leisure centre operator contract and advise the way forward in order to secure best value in appointing the next operator.

RECOMMENDATION to Cabinet

- 1. To integrate the re-tendering of the next leisure centre operator contract with Chiltern District Council procurement framework in order to secure best value.**

2. Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 The existing leisure operator contract comes to end in 2021 and the process to re-tender the new contract is required commence in order to secure best value in appointing the next operator. The proposal of joining South Bucks leisure operator procurement framework with Chiltern District Council will enable the Council to secure best value in the appointment of the next leisure operator.

3. Content of report

- 3.1 In October 2021 the existing Leisure Operator contract with Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) covering Beacon and Evreham leisure centres will come to an end. Bucks County Council has indicated that it will not be renewing the current user agreement for the Evreham Centre beyond 2021 which will lead to the Beacon Centre being the only public leisure centre operated in South Bucks.
- 3.2 Chiltern District Council has recently appointed a leisure Specialist, Max Associates to develop the Council's new leisure operator contract and also help support the procurement of a new operator. Rather than run another tender process specifically for South Bucks it is proposed to include both Councils on a joint framework. This will enable South Bucks to secure the best advice and support with regards to the future operation of leisure centre provision in the district.
- 3.3 The total cost for Max Associates to undertake the work is £32,000 with the programme covering 4 leisure centres (3 in Chiltern and 1 in South Bucks) it is proposed that South Bucks contributes £8,000 towards the works. This will be significantly cheaper than going through a

full tender process as well as reduce officer time in a range of council services including finance, legal and leisure.

4. Consultation

Informal discussions have taken place with max associates and Members at Chiltern District Council with all parties agreeable to the joint procurement framework process.

5. Corporate Implications

5.1 Financial – The cost of integrating South Bucks leisure operator procurement with Chiltern would cost £8,000 and could be found from within existing resources.

Legal – Chiltern District Council will be undertaking an OJEU compliant process to appoint its new leisure operator. OJEU permits the use of framework contracts to enable partnerships to tender for the best price. If South Bucks entered in to a framework contract with Chiltern District Council the final decision to accept the tender proposals offered as part of the framework would remain with South Bucks District Council

6. Links to Council Policy Objectives

6.1 Sustainable Environment – The performance indicator criteria of new operator contract would help reduce energy usage by incorporating targets as part of the overall performance framework. .

6.2 Safe, Healthy and Active communities- Council has a duty to consider the health and wellbeing of its community, enabling improved access and provision to sports and recreational facilities will help to support this.

7. Next Steps

7.1 If approved Max Associates will incorporate South Bucks into the leisure operator procurement programme which will include undertaking soft market testing with potential new operators, testing the viability of combining a joint Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils leisure operator contract and developing a performance framework that facilitates increased usage and investment.

Background Papers:	None
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