

LEAD MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change, Councillor Nick Bennett, on 8 November 2022 at Via MS Teams

Councillor Johnny Denis spoke on item 7 (see minute 53)

47. DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 11 OCTOBER 2022

47.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2022.

48. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

48.1 Councillor Johnny Denis declared a personal interest as a Lewes District Councillor, Ringmer Parish Councillor and Board Member of Wave Leisure Trust. He did not consider this to be prejudicial.

49. URGENT ITEMS

49.1 There were no urgent items.

50. REPORTS

50.1 Reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

51. RINGMER SWIMMING POOL - OUTCOME OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION

51.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer.

DECISIONS

51.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to:

1) Note the findings of the public consultation on the future swimming provision at Ringmer Swimming Pool that took place between 23 May – 15 August 2022;

2) Agree to decommission the pool from 31 December 2022 and permanently cease provision of swimming facilities at Ringmer pool should no financially viable option be available and committed to by that date (including the approval of any legal documentation required); and

3) Delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to carry out all actions necessary to give effect to the recommendations in the report, including either the decommissioning of the pool or agreeing to implement an alternative viable approach at no detrimental impact to the Council, as detailed in the report.

REASONS

51.3 The public consultation on the future swimming provision at Ringmer Swimming Pool and other evidence considered by the Lead Member has not yet resulted in a sustainable, viable alternative option for the continuation of the operation of the swimming pool.

51.4 If a financially viable agreement is committed to by Lewes District Council before 31 December 2022 and a financially sustainable option is brought forward at no detrimental impact to the Council, and the associated legal documentation is approved, this alternative option will be pursued.

52. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

52.1 It was RESOLVED to exclude the public and press from the meeting for the remaining agenda items on the grounds that if the public and press were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as specified in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), namely information relating to any individual and information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

53. RINGMER SWIMMING POOL - OUTCOME OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION - EXEMPT INFORMATION

53.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer which provided exempt information in support of an earlier item on the agenda.

DECISIONS

53.2 The Lead Member RESOVLED to note the detailed financial information contained in the report in support of an earlier agenda item.

REASON

53.3 The report contained exempt information in relation to an earlier item on the agenda.

54. TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS TO ACQUIRE THE FREEHOLD OF A PROPERTY FOLLOWING A BLIGHT NOTICE BEING SERVED UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY ACT 1990

54.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer.

DECISIONS

54.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to approve the recommendations in the report, for the reasons set out in the report. The decision and reasons are set out in an exempt minute.