

COUNCIL MEETING – 25 February 2016

Recommendation to Council from the Executive meeting held on 9 February 2016

E/15/108 Redevelopment of Dunstable Leisure Centre and Library

The Executive received a report of the Executive Member for Community Services setting out revised proposals for the re-development of the Dunstable leisure centre and library.

The report also sought approval for additional capital expenditure.

The Executive had considered the re-provision of the leisure centre services and library in February 2015, and in August 2015 had authorised the procurement of a building contractor.

Preparations for the procurement of a building contractor had concluded that a gross budget of £15.6m would be insufficient to deliver the recommended scheme due to higher construction costs.

A summary of the available options had concluded that option 7 at a gross cost of £20m would enable the Council's objectives to be met.

The revised capital costs had been accounted for within the report on the Capital Programme elsewhere on this agenda.

Reason for decision: Option 7 offered the most financially viable approach and would secure the delivery of leisure and library services. Additionally, further opportunities for regeneration would be created.

RECOMMENDED to Council

that an additional £3.519m be allocated to implement the redevelopment of Dunstable Leisure Centre and Library in accordance with the revised option 7. (Note: this additional expenditure is included within the Capital Programme being recommended to Council elsewhere on this agenda.)

RESOLVED

that officers actively seek to meet the additional £3.519m requirement through new sources of funding or from within the existing capital budget, in order to create no net increase in capital requirements during the period of the plan.