

## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 20 August 2013

**Decision No:** (CAB 13/14 10941)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Cabinet member for Economic Development and Leisure
SUBJECT:	St Mary's Leisure Centre Management Arrangements - Service Concession 2014 to 2018
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### THE DECISION

- (i) To delegate authority to the Director of Environment and Economy, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Leisure and the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services, to grant a 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Concession to Southampton Solent University for the management and operation of St Mary's Leisure Centre as a publicly accessible facility from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014 to 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017 with an option to extend for a further 12 months by agreement to 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018.
- (ii) To authorise the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services, following consultation with the Director of Environment and Economy, to do anything necessary to give effect to the proposals contained within this report.

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1 Authority for a second Service Concession is being sought now, rather than in December 2013 because SSU has devised a £200k capital scheme for SMLC which needs to be spent in SSU current financial year ending 31 March 2014. SSU would like to offer at least three years public and academic use of the upgraded facility, hence the formal request now.

2 A new-build SSU Sports Centre is scheduled for phase 2 or phase 3 of the East Park Terrace Capital Scheme, which could result in SMLC being required as a sports facility by SSU until the end of 2017.

3 To retain the provision of important community facilities in the City Centre at no cost to the Council until at least August 2017.

### DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1 Do nothing - Allow the current lease and Service Concession to expire on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014. Under this option, the building would close, SSU would vacate and

there would be no academic or sports provision. There will be unbudgeted costs to the Council to secure the building (circa £5k) and on-going asset management costs. These costs have yet to be explored but based on the empty Oaklands Swimming Pool, costs to secure and maintain SMLC could be circa £15k per annum, excluding rates.

2 Do not agree to SSU Request for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Concession - Seek to re-let or tender the opportunity to use the facility as a sports facility or for some other use.

#### **OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None

#### **CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD**

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 20 August 2013

Decision Maker:  
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:  
Judy Cordell

#### **SCRUTINY**

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in (*if applicable*) (*this suspends implementation*)

Call-in Procedure completed (*if applicable*)

Call-in heard by <i>(if applicable)</i>
Results of Call-in <i>(if applicable)</i>