



Derby City Council

**Regenerating Our City
Overview & Scrutiny Board
1 December 2015**

ITEM 7

Report of the Acting Strategic Director of
Neighbourhoods

Leisure Facilities Strategy – Update

SUMMARY

- 1.1 In January 2010, Cabinet approved £58m of council borrowing and external funding to deliver the Leisure Facility Strategy (LFS) to replace the Council's existing facilities with new modern sport and leisure facilities, which meet the future needs and aspirations of the city.
- 1.2 The LFS proposed a hub and satellite approach on a phased basis over a five year plan. Phase 1 was to develop the Derby Arena hub which is now open. Phase 2 was to develop a 50m Pool hub; Phase 3 was to develop satellite swimming pool facilities at Moorways and Springwood Leisure Centres.
- 1.3 At the Regenerating Our City Overview & Scrutiny Board on 18 August 2015, an update report was provided on the progress being made on Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Leisure Facilities Strategy and a further update report was requested to be presented to the Board. This report reflects the progress made to date which is summarised in Paragraphs 4.1 - 4.7

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the progress made on Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Leisure Facilities Strategy.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that the Regenerating Our City Overview & Scrutiny Board members are aware of the progress being made to date and of also the next steps being progressed to deliver the next stages of the Leisure Facilities Strategy.
- 3.2 Progressing the next phase(s) of the LFS will assist developing the replacement of the Council's swimming pools with new modern facilities that meet the future needs and political aspirations of the city.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 A project team has been established to develop the swimming pool options that were approved by the Leisure Project Board. The options being explored are:

Moorways Option A

This option would provide a 50m pool and a learner pool at Moorways. However to achieve the agreed aim of providing the 2028 water space provision requirements to meet the anticipated demand in the Sport England report of 3,100 sqm, there may be the need to consider a further 25m pool in the City Centre together with leisure and learner pools to replace Queens Leisure Centre. A swimming pool at Springwood Leisure Centre could be considered at a later stage.

Moorways Option C

This option would provide a 50m x 8 lane pool; 25m x 6 lane pool; leisure and learner pools at Moorways. A swimming pool at Springwood Leisure Centre could be considered at a later stage.

Moorways Option D

This option would provide a new, Olympic size, 50m x 10 lane pool; leisure and learner pools at Moorways. The main pool (25m wide) creates the opportunity of providing 3 separate 25m long pools thus creating maximum flexibility. A swimming pool at Springwood Leisure Centre could be considered at a later stage.

Moorways Option E

This option extends option D further by incorporating a 25m x 6 lane pool used for warm up/warm down during major competitions.

Alternative site options

There are alternative site locations that will be considered as part of the City Centre Masterplan 2030. These are primarily Queen's Leisure Centre site and Duckworth Square.

- 4.2 In order to commence the detailed feasibility study on the optional swimming pool sites there is a need to undertake a Facilities Planning Model (FPM).

The FPM is used to assess the following:

- The current supply and demand for swimming pools in Derby and the neighbouring authorities.
- The extent to which the supply of swimming pools would meet future demand, taking into account population increases. The existing and known swimming pool commitments in Derby and the neighbouring authorities up to 2028.
- To model five alternative scenarios to assist with the feasibility studies.

The results of the assessments will assist the Council, and to a lesser extent neighbouring councils, in determining the future location, size, improvements and investments into those facility types. The results will form part of the evidence base for the LFS and other plans and investment strategies currently in preparation.

- 4.3 The FPM is to be undertaken by Sport England in the sum of £6,700. However, following further discussions it is pleasing to report that Sport England has agreed to contribute £3,000 towards this study. The balance of £3,700 is to be met from the approved feasibility budget. There is considerable demand for the FPM service and a timeslot has been agreed for Derby's study to be undertaken with the outcome report due in the next few months.
- 4.4 As the Council does not have all of the specialist expertise in house, £40,000 from the Leisure Revenue Reserve has been approved to appoint the necessary expert advisors to develop the swimming pool options and to provide the estimated build costs.
- 4.5 Consideration of alternative procurement routes is required for both the initial design and subsequent build processes. This is to include Traditional, Design & Build, and Design, Build, Operate & Maintain (DBOM) exploring these options has commenced.
- 4.6 On completion of the actions in paragraphs 4.2 and 4.4, a mini fee competition for detailed feasibility studies will be arranged from utilising Framework agreements open to the authority.
- 4.7 An initial meeting has been held with the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) to inform the leisure water requirements; further work will continue to assist in developing the feasibility study requirements in this area.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None applicable to this report.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	Claire Davenport, Director of Leisure, Culture and Tourism.
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Background papers: List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications
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Appendix 1

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 The Director of Finance and Procurement will be consulted on these proposals once a steer is determined.

Legal

- 2.1 The Director of Legal and Democratic Services will be consulted on these proposals once a steer is determined.

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising directly from this report.

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- 4.1 None arising directly from this report.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 Equalities implications will be developed when the site option/location is determined.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 Health & Safety implications will be developed when final site option/location is determined.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 The facility will be designed and built with the aim, as far as possible, to minimise the carbon footprint.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 The Head of Strategic Asset Management and Estates and the Head of Property Design and Maintenance will be consulted on these proposals once a steer is determined.

Risk Management

- 9.1 A risk log will be developed for this project and updated as events and decisions are reached.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 To meet the Council Plan 2015-18 vision and priorities.