

COUNCIL CABINET 3 October 2006

Appendix 3

Report of Cabinet Member responsible for Leisure and Direct Services

LANCASTER SPORTS CENTRE

SUMMARY

1.1 To advise Cabinet of the response to the advertisements inviting expressions of interest to manage Lancaster Sports Centre.

RECOMMENDATION

2. To close Lancaster Sports Centre on 29 October 2006.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. Neither of the expressions of interest would be able to take on the operation of Lancaster Sports Centre in the foreseeable future. I am inviting the two interested parties to meetings to discuss their bids. I do no consider that either bid will be prejudiced by the closure of Lancaster Sports Centre. Currently 38 out of the 45 user groups have opted to relocate. Some of the remaining groups are awaiting the decision of the Cabinet. The remaining level of activity is based on casual usage and is not sustainable.

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Background papers:

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Report of the Director of Environmental Services – CC Lancaster

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