

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 12 July 2016 – Minute Extract

11. Scrutiny Review of council support for Bridport Leisure Centre – report of scrutiny working group

The committee considered a report which set out the findings and recommendations of the scrutiny working group which had been established to assist with the review of council support for the operation of Bridport Leisure Centre.

Members discussed the contents of the report and there was some comment about the length and detail included in the report. However, the comment was made that it was important to set out the detail for those members of the committee that had not been part of the scrutiny working group's discussions.

It was proposed by D Rickard seconded by R Kayes

Decision

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee supports the recommendations of the member working group and proposes to the Executive Committee that the council's offer of future support for the Bridport & West Dorset Sports Trust for the operation of Bridport Leisure Centre should comprise the following:

- a) that the council offers to enter into a 10-year supplemental agreement with the Trust from April 2017 with a review on 1st April 2021 on the basis that the Trust continues to provide customers with a broadly similar range of facilities, including the swimming pools, as it currently offers;
- b) that the management fee offered to the Trust should be £127,377 per annum for the first four years of the supplemental agreement;
- c) that after the fourth year of the agreement, subject to the review on 1st April 2021, the management fee offered to the Trust should reduce in equal decrements to £100,000 by the final year of the agreement;
- d) that the council offers to write-off all the loans made to the Trust by the council as outstanding on 1st April 2017 (totalling £231,422) if the Trust agrees to enter into a supplemental agreement with the council on the terms outlined in recommendations (a), (b) and (c) above;
- e) that the council should nominate two member representatives (with a reserve nominee) to attend meetings of the Trust as observers.

The recommendations of Overview & Scrutiny Committee are required in order to inform decisions to be taken by the Executive Committee with regard to future council support for the operation of Bridport Leisure Centre.