



## Report to Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

**Subject:** Call in of decision on Leisure and Entertainment Facilities & Services Review

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**Type of item:** The report author should tick the appropriate box

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### 1.1 Background

1.1 On the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021, the Co-operative Executive Committee took the following decision:

1.1.1 Note the ending in 2024 of the arrangements with Sheffield City Trust around the Major Sporting Facilities (Arena, Ponds Forge and Hillsborough Leisure Centre).

1.1.2 Approve the investment in our Leisure and Entertainment facilities to deliver a balanced and sustainable portfolio of facilities which support the needs of our communities alongside elite sport and events (Investment in the facilities).

1.1.3 Note this gives an opportunity for the Council to review how leisure and entertainment services are delivered in Sheffield and approve the strategy of a Council commissioned (but market driven) approach to appointing an external partner, as outlined in this report (Who runs the facilities).

- 1.1.4 Delegate authority to the Director of Culture in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Director of Finance and Commercial Services and the Director of Legal and Governance to approve procurement strategies to deliver the strategy and to award any associated contracts.
- 1.1.5 Note the phased delivery of this strategy will be approved via the Council's capital programme.
- 1.1.6 Note the programme of public consultation to inform the investment in facilities at a local level
- 1.1.7 Note work will begin to address backlog maintenance issues at the following facilities:
- a. Ponds Forge International Sports Centre
  - b. English Institute of Sport Sheffield (EISS)
  - c. Ice Sheffield
  - d. Heeley Pool and Gym
  - e. Beauchief, Birley and Tinsley Golf Courses
  - f. Sheffield Arena
  - g. Sheffield City Hall
- 1.1.8 Note that backlog maintenance will also be addressed at Uppertorpe Healthy Living Centre which is currently run by Zest.
- 1.1.9 Note work will be undertaken on creating a lifecycle maintenance investment fund for Leisure and Entertainment facilities
- 1.1.10 Note the implications in (the closed) Appendix 1 and that further work will be done to inform how that can be progressed.
- 1.2 The Call-In notice is attached to this report as Appendix 1. The original report of Executive Director, Place, is attached as Appendix 2.
- 1.3 As per Part 4, section 16 of Sheffield City Council's Constitution, this decision has been called in, preventing implementation of the decision until it has been considered by this Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.4 The Call-In notice states that the reasons for the Call-in are:  
"To consider the choice of operating model and lessons to be learned regarding financial management of the service".

The lead signatory is Councillor Martin Smith, with co-signatories being Councillors Steve Ayris, Joe Otten, Shaffaq Mohammed and Mohammed Mahroof.

## **2.0 The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:**

- 2.1 As per the Scrutiny Procedure rules, scrutinise the decision and take one of the following courses of action:

- (a) refer the decision back to the decision making body or individual for reconsideration in the light of recommendations from the Committee;
- (b) request that the decision be deferred until the Scrutiny Committee has considered relevant issues and made recommendations to the Executive;
- (c) take no action in relation to the called-in decision but consider whether issues arising from the call-in need to be fed back to the decision maker or added to the work programme of an existing Scrutiny Committee;
- (d) if, but only if (having taken the advice of the Monitoring Officer and/or the Chief Finance Officer), the Committee determines that the decision is wholly or partly outside the Budget and Policy Framework, refer the matter, with any recommendations, to the Council after following the procedures in the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules

(If a Scrutiny Committee decides on (a), (b) or (d) as its course of action, there is a continuing bar on implementing the decision).

2.2 The Scrutiny Procedure rules state that if a decision is referred back, it is referred back to the individual or body that made the decision. In this case the decision maker is the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport.

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### **Background Papers**

- Appendix 1 - Call in notice dated 5/3/19
- Appendix 2 – Report of the Executive Director, Place to the Co-operative Executive Committee

### **Category of Report: OPEN**

Appendix 2 contains a closed appendix

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