



Notice is hereby given that a key decision will be taken by the Director of Environment and Regeneration on or around 12 May 2020

LEISURE CENTRE CONTRACT – COVID-19

Where a key decision contains exempt information and would be considered in private session a 28 days' notice period, prior to the date of that the decision is required. If this notice period has not been given, then the decision can still be taken by the decision maker, if the provision contained within Rule 18 (Exempt Urgency Procedure) of the Access to Information Procedure Rules Part 4B of the Constitution has been met.

Councillor Southgate in his capacity as Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission has approved the use of Section 18 - Exempt Urgency procedures for this decision, stating that the precarious financial position of Greenwich Leisure Limited as operator of our Leisure Centres was discussed at Cabinet on 28 April, and members confirmed their wish to support GLL financially for the duration of the Covid-19 pandemic and noting that the report will be published 5 clear working days before the decision is taken.

The reason for urgency is that a decision is needed due to the current pandemic. If the Council is unable to support its contractor for their May payroll, then the company would be at risk of going into administration; and the Council would be at risk of losing the contractor for the leisure centres. Delaying for a further 28 days would adversely affect both the Council and its contractor.

The item is exempt due to Access to Information Rules, Part 4B section 3: information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The report provides commercially sensitive information relating to the current Leisure Centre contract.

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