

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a **Cabinet Member**



REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER


Executive Decision Reference Number – L15 24/25

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Refurbishment of Life Centre Gym
2	Decision maker: Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of the Council
3	Report author and contact details: Ruth Harrell, Director of Public Health ruth.harrell@plymouth.gov.uk
4	<p>Decision to be taken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the business case for the Life Centre Gym Refurbishment. 2. Allocate £486,979 for this project into the Capital Programme funded by Service Borrowing to be recovered in full from Plymouth Active Leisure over a period of 7 years. 3. Delegates the finalisation of the terms and completion of the funding arrangement to the Service Director for Finance where they would not already have authority to do so.
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The company needs to focus on income generation to become sustainable and aims to make a surplus by 2027. 2. The health and fitness income is one of the major sources of income of the business (30%) and these activities include gym membership subscriptions that allow access to gym facilities, group exercise classes and the swimming pools. 3. The current gym equipment at Plymouth Life Centre is 8 years old meaning it is behind in the latest technology and some of the equipment is in a poor state of repair and end of life. 4. A decision to invest will give an opportunity to generate more income to deliver long-term financial sustainability, with a further strategic aim of increasing health and fitness for the city through providing low cost access to gym facilities.
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>Option one: Do nothing – equipment will continue to deteriorate and memberships will continue to drop off.</p> <p>Option two: install a cheaper version. The equipment will not be as robust contributing to increased maintenance costs. Equipment will be behind the latest technology and will not contribute to attracting new customers or encouraging the non-active to become active.</p>
7	Financial implications and risks:

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The service borrowing associated with the project will be fully recovered from Plymouth Active Leisure over a period of 7 years effective from 1 April 2025, so there will be no financial impact for PCC budgets. The agreed interest rate built in to the service borrowing will be 5.25%, risk around changing interest rates is factored in to the rate agreed. Risk sits with Plymouth Active Leisure that additional income levels are not sufficient to cover the service borrowing repayment. 			
8	Is the decision a Key Decision? (Please contact Democratic Support for further advice)	Yes	No	Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:
			x	in the case of capital projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of £3million in total
			x	in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1 million
			x	is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the local authority.
	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions	N/A		
9	Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan/Plymouth Plan and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:	This project supports the financial sustainability of PAL, a wholly owned company of Plymouth City Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy HEA3 Supporting adults with health and social care needs. Policy HEA4 Playing an active role in the community. Policy HEA5 Delivering strong and safe communities and good quality neighbourhoods. Policy: HEA1 addressing health inequalities and improving health literacy Policy HEA7 Optimising the health and wellbeing benefits of the natural environment. Policy INT 5 Celebrating Plymouth's Sporting Excellence Policy INT8 Celebrating diverse communities. Policy GRO5 Enhancing Plymouth's sporting facilities. INT 1 Implementing Britain's Ocean City Policy: HEA2 Deliver the best outcomes for children, young people and families Policy GR02 Develop, attract and retain a highly skilled and adaptable workforce Policy GR07 Reducing carbon emissions and adapting to climate change. 		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	The amount of kit requiring power will be reduced, for example the number of cardiovascular machines will reduce and be		

		<p>replaced with strength machines that doesn't need power. The kit is also newer and takes advantage of better technology.</p> <p>The existing equipment is being traded out at a cost to the supplier and will be refurbished and resold. No equipment is going to landfill.</p> <p>There is a cooling mechanism that reduces operating temperatures by 20 degrees, this gives 4 times more life out of the electronics. There is power correction technology that stores incoming current resulting in reduced power consumption by 30%. Also there is a screen saver mode when not in use.</p>			
Urgent decisions					
11	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?	Yes		(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)	
		No	x	(If no, go to section 13a)	
12	Reason for urgency:				
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12	Scrutiny Chair Signature:		Date		
	Scrutiny Committee name:				
	Print Name:				
Consultation					
13	a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes	x	Cllr Sue Dann
			No		(If no go to section 14)
13	b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor Sue Dann, Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Sport, Leisure and HR and OD		
13	c	Date Cabinet member consulted	28 August 2024		
14		Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
			No	x	
15		Name	Ruth Harrell		

	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Job title	Director of Public Health					
		Date consulted	01 September 2024					
Sign-off								
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS56 24/25					
		Finance (mandatory)	CH24.25.035					
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/00001312/1/AC/1/10/24.					
		Human Resources (if applicable)	N/A					
		Corporate property (if applicable)	N/A					
		Procurement (if applicable)	PW/PS/754/ED/0924					
Appendices								
17	R	Title of appendix						
	A	BRIEFING REPORT FOR PUBLICATION (MANDATORY) REFURBISHMENT OF LIFE CENTRE GYM						
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment (where required) REFURBISHMENT OF LIFE CENTRE GYM						
Confidential/exempt information								
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	Yes	x	If yes, prepare a second, confidential ("Part II") briefing report and indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in 18b below. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
		No						
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title: Part II business case			x				
Background Papers								
19	Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based. If some/all of the							

	information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.						
Title of background paper(s)	Exemption Paragraph Number						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cabinet Member Signature							
20	I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan or Budget. In taking this decision I have given due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.						
Signature			Date of decision	4 October 2024			
Print Name	Councillor Tudor Evans						