

## **Customers and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel Wednesday 13 January 2010**

The Customers and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel is making the following recommendations as amended under delegated authority by the Head of Performance, Policy and Partnerships in consultation with the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Board of Management to Cabinet, with regard to Life Centre project -

- (1) the recommendation to award the construction contract to Balfour Beatty is approved and congratulations are given to the relevant Members and officers on the thoroughness of the tender evaluation process which was sound and robust;
- (2) the impact of change orders and the financial risks are outlined in more detail in the regular project manager's report;
- (3) ways of improving access to the Life Centre for people with disabilities and taking into account all six strands of equalities are explored;
- (4) that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board agree that the Customers and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel is invited to further scrutinise the leisure management contract, leisure ice provision and the Pavilions including the financing at the appropriate stages of the process to allow influence prior to the decisions being made;
- (5) consideration is given to 'incentivising' the contract with regard to aspects such as timescale, costs and health and safety;
- (6) discussions are held with the contractor with the view of maximising advantages for the local economy, within the relevant legislation, eg the use of local labour and apprenticeships, local materials and businesses;
- (7) the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) partners are encouraged to contribute to the scheme as has the University;
- (8) consideration is given to using an appropriate proportion of the developer tariffs beyond those specifically allocated to leisure (eg transport) to support the scheme during its operating life time;
- (9) the Customers and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel as and when necessary receives a bi monthly update on various aspects of this project.