

Date of meeting:	02 March 2022
Title of Report:	Plymouth Active Leisure-Progress Report
Lead Member:	Councillor Mark Deacon (Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Culture, Leisure & Sport)
Lead Strategic Director:	Craig McArdle (Strategic Director for People)
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Your Reference:	PAL22
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

Following the decision in August 2021 to establish a Local Authority Trading Company to run the existing Leisure Management Contract provided by SLM, this report is intended to provide the Committee with:

- An update on progress on establishing Plymouth Active Leisure in line with the deadline of 31st March 2022
- To provide an opportunity for the Committee to provide receive feedback on the Draft Service Specification

Recommendations and Reasons

The committee is asked to note the progress in developing Plymouth Active Leisure.

Alternative options considered and rejected

N/A

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

We need to realign the way we run our leisure facilities to our new strategic priorities, defined in the Plymouth Plan 2014 to 2034 and Active Devon's 'Towards an Active Plymouth' vision to make Plymouth the most active coastal city in England by 2034. The Plymouth Plan includes policies to enhance Plymouth's sporting facilities and to optimise the health benefits of the natural environment. This report supports the Corporate Plan's aim to unlock the city's potential by making the most of the city's built and natural assets, with strong community leadership, working with residents, communities and businesses to deliver our common ambition.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications

The original Business Case forecast that moving to a LATC would bring a small net benefit of £12,000 over a five-year period (after covering start-up costs). Costs and benefits have been built into the Medium Term Financial Plan.

Financial Risks

Financial risks going forward have been identified around utilisation levels following COVID and rising utility costs. Provision has been made in the MTFP to try and mitigate these.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications

The LATC will provide opportunities to work with key partners in the city to reduce the carbon footprint of the facilities.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty

** When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give 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.*

Plymouth is generally an active city, but it has an underlying challenge: inactivity levels are higher than the Devon and national averages with more than one in four adults not active at all (i.e. sedentary). While this is a stark challenge, the city has good foundations from which to 'level the playing field'. It has an established commitment to tackling inequality, some of the best green, blue and built assets in the UK, and the intent to 'unlock' them. One of the main drivers for changing to a LATC model has been the requirement to realign the operation of the leisure centres to the new strategic priorities of the Council; including addressing health inequalities and targeting the most vulnerable members of the community.

Appendices

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Ref.	Title of Appendix	Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable) <i>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.</i>						
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A	PALL-Progress Report February 2022 – Presentation							
B	Draft Services Specification - Confidential				X			

Para 4 - Information falling within Paragraph 9 of Part 1 is exempt information if and so long as disclosure to the public of the terms would prejudice the authority in those or any other negotiations concerning the property or goods or services.

The service specification has yet to be approved by PAL Board of Directors and is subject to negotiation(s) between PAL and PCC and other parties (i.e. Brickfields lease)

Background papers:

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Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished 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.

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Craig McArdle											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 21/02/2022											
Cabinet Member approval: Cllr Mark Deacon approved – briefed verbally and via e-mail											
Date approved: 23/02/2022											