

Strategy and Resources Committee

27 January 2026

URGENT DECISIONS

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Wards affected: (All Wards);

Urgent Decision?(yes/no) No

If yes, reason urgent decision required:

Appendices (attached):

Summary

To report to the committee decisions taken by the Chief Executive and Directors on the grounds of urgency, in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

(1) Note the urgent decision taken since the last meeting of the committee.

1 Reason for Recommendation

1.1 To report to the committee any decision taken by the Chief Executive and / or Directors on the grounds of urgency, in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

2 Background

2.1 The scheme of delegation sets out that the Chief Executive and Directors are authorised to take decisions on grounds of urgency regarding matters which would otherwise be reserved for determination by a Committee or Council. A matter can be deemed urgent if, in the reasonable opinion of the officer concerned, a delay would seriously prejudice the interest of the Council or of the public and it is not practicable to convene a quorate meeting of the relevant decision-making body in sufficient time to take the decision.

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2.2 Since the last meeting of the Committee, one urgent decision has been taken by the Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration in consultation with the Chair, Cllr Neil Dallen, and published in Member News in line with the Council's Constitution, Appendix 2, Paragraph 3.1. iii. The decision is set out below

2.2.1 **Decision 158** – Finalisation of contract for Rainbow Leisure Centre

2.2.2 **Urgency reason for decision 158** – The final negotiations on the details of the Leisure centre needed to be concluded prior to the meeting of this committee. Details of the decision were considered commercially sensitive and were restricted. Councillors can ask for details of the report by contacting Executive support.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

3.1.1 None arising directly from this report

3.2 Crime & Disorder

3.2.1 No issues arising directly from this report

3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 None

3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 None

3.5 Other

3.5.1 None

4 Financial Implications

4.1 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** Comments about the financial implications were added to the urgent decision form.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 **Legal Officer's comments:** Comments about the legal implications were added to the urgent decision form.

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:

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- The retender of the Leisure Centre was a council priority.

6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is included within the current Service Delivery Plan.

6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None arising directly from this report.

6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None arising directly from this report.

6.5 **Partnerships:** The new operator of the leisure centre is an important partner for the Council

6.6 **Local Government Reorganisation Implications:** The contract negotiations will be concluded prior to any key dates for LGR

7 Background papers

7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Previous reports:

- N/a

Other papers:

- N/a