



# Northumberland

## County Council

### **CABINET**

DATE: 11th September 2018

### **Replacement of Berwick Leisure Centre**

#### **Report of**

**Cabinet Member:** Cath Homer/Peter Jackson

#### **Purpose of report**

To seek agreement to the development of improved leisure facilities in Berwick

#### **Recommendations**

- To agree to moving a scheme forward with Northumbria Healthcare Foundation Trust as a combined project (Leisure and Hospital facility) at the Swan site.
- To approve an increase in the capital program allocation for the leisure centre development to £18m from the current allocation of £6m approved plus £6m in the year capital plan.
- To approve the commencement of the detailed design phase in conjunction with Active Northumberland.

#### **Link to Corporate Plan**

This report is relevant to several key areas within the NCC Corporate Plan 2018-2021, including maintaining healthy lifestyles, access to facilities and supporting tourism in the northern part of the county.

#### **Key issues**

The key issue is whether approval can be given to move ahead with the leisure centre scheme in Berwick. If this is agreed, then Cabinet is requested to confirm that a joint development with Northumbria Health Care Foundation Trust is acceptable. And finally

Cabinet is asked to set a budget limit for the project based on the various size and scale of development that could be offered for Berwick.

## **Background**

There has been discussion for a number of years about the potential for a replacement Leisure Centre facility in Berwick. More recently an option has emerged to bring together the development of the leisure centre with the development of the new Berwick Infirmary Hospital. This paper sets out the current position and recommendations to move this scheme forward.

## **Implications**

<b>Policy</b>	This scheme will modernise and improve leisure facilities for residents and visitors to the Berwick area.
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	This will require an additional capital program investment of £6m above the amount currently put aside for this facility within the capital program
<b>Legal</b>	No issues of note other than general requirement
<b>Procurement</b>	There would need to be a procurement process undertaken as per any other building project managed by the Council
<b>Human Resources</b>	No issues of note
<b>Property</b>	This will create a new asset and involve the demolition of the existing leisure centre site. The asset will be leased to Active Northumberland to manage on the Council's behalf.
<b>Equalities</b> (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	The build will comply with all relevant disability and equalities legislation.
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	The key risks will be containing the scheme within budget as per capital builds and ensuring the design meets the needs of the population and maximises the potential for a commercially viable solution to be delivered.
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	N/A
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	There has already been focus groups on the options held in Berwick with local residents and further sessions would be planned. In addition Active Northumberland will be undertaking a detailed review of current usage and potential future customer base to optimise the design of the new facility

<b>Carbon reduction</b>	The build will take account of optimum carbon reduction
<b>Wards</b>	Berwick and surrounding areas

**Background papers:**

Replacement for Berwick Leisure Centre report + appendix

Berwick Upon Tweed Options Appraisal report by Arch + appendices

**Report sign off.**

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