



Vale of White Horse

District Council

**Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities
(Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England)
Regulations 2000**

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET MEMBER OR KEY DECISION OF OFFICER			
1	Name of decision maker	Councillor Charlotte Dickson	
2	Type of decision (Please <input type="checkbox"/> as appropriate)	Key Yes	Other
3	Date of decision (This should be the same as the date form signed)	2 September 2015	
4	The decision	To authorise the head of economy, leisure and property, as provided for in contracts procedure rule 99(a) and in accordance with the terms and conditions of ESPO framework contract 345 fitness equipment, to enter into a draw down contract with Technogym to replace the gym equipment at Wantage Leisure Centre.	
5	Reasons for decision	<p>As part of its bid for the ten year joint 2014 leisure management contract, GLL proposed a number of capital investment schemes, which the council agreed to fund in return for increases in the leisure management fee paid by GLL. These schemes include a phased replacement of the gym equipment at all three Vale gyms – the second to be delivered being Wantage Leisure Centre. At full council in May 2014, money was allocated to the approved capital programme in order to fund these schemes.</p> <p>The existing gym equipment at Wantage Leisure Centre was installed in 2006. The equipment is tired; showing signs of wear and tear, and is in need of replacing. As agreed under the leisure management contract, the equipment is to be replaced during 2015/16.</p> <p>GLL uses Technogym as its preferred gym equipment supplier across its estate. The existing gym equipment at Wantage Leisure Centre is also supplied by Technogym. Both parties are content with the performance of this equipment and customers are familiar with using it.</p> <p>Due to the financial value of the Vale Council's responsibility to replace gym equipment under the leisure management contract,</p>	

		<p>appointing an equipment supplier would ordinarily be subject to a full OJEU procurement. However, as a named local authority, the Vale Council is eligible to draw down from the ESPO framework for the provision of gym equipment. Suppliers listed on this framework were selected following a full OJEU procurement exercise and, therefore, this obligation has already been fulfilled. <i>Under the framework the Vale Council is able to either drawdown from one supplier – provided the Vale Council is satisfied that the equipment offered meets its needs and represents value for money - or undertake a mini-competition to select the most economically advantageous supplier.</i> In this instance, the Vale Council wishes to draw down directly from Technogym to ensure compatibility with existing kit. Having compared prices available under the framework, officers are satisfied that Technogym offers the Vale Council the most economically advantageous option.</p> <p>In order to meet the requirements of the 2014 joint leisure management contract, whereby the Vale Council funds the capital schemes in return for an increased management fee from GLL, the cabinet member for leisure is asked to authorise the head of economy, leisure and property, under the ESPO framework, to enter into a draw down contract with Technogym to supply and install replacement gym equipment for Wantage Centre.</p> <p>Provision of up to date equipment and facilities is key to achieving two of the key priorities for the leisure management contract – increasing usage and customer satisfaction.</p>
6	Alternative Options rejected	<p>One option would be not to replace the Wantage Leisure Centre gym equipment at this point. However, the equipment is starting to age and customer satisfaction with the facility will start to deteriorate if appropriate equipment is not provided. Choosing this option would also result in the Vale Council not meeting its obligations under the joint 2014 leisure management contract with GLL.</p> <p>A second alternative would be to undertake a full tendering exercise for the provision of gym equipment. Following this process would be a huge demand on resources (both at the Vale Council and also potential suppliers) and would not allow the gym equipment at Wantage Leisure Centre to be replaced until much later in the year; therefore, delaying the benefit to the customers and also the positive impact on the management fee, which has already been factored into the GLL leisure management contract agreement.</p>
7	Resource implications	None.
8	Legal implications	A draw down contract will be entered into for the purchase of the goods.
9	Financial implications	At its meeting on 15 May 2014, full council approved a budget of £127,000 to fund this project and the money was added into the

19	<p>Details of publication on the web and date of expiry of "Call In"</p> <p>Note: This part of the form will be completed by democratic services</p>	<p>Date of expiry of "Call In" 9 September 2015</p> <p>Date published 2 September 2015</p> <p>Date hand delivered to chair of scrutiny 2 September 2015</p>
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