

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AMENDMENT

ITEM 5 – PROVISION OF LEISURE SERVICES

2.1 Council is asked to **RESOLVE** that

- (1) ~~The background to Aspire Trust's decision to seek to go into liquidation and the Council's disappointment at this decision is noted~~ **The report and appendices into the closure of the sports centres be noted with council recording its concern that more wasn't done to keep the sports centres open.**
- (2) Authority is delegated to the Managing Director, in consultation with the Head of Finance and Resources, to enter negotiations with Aspire Trust to work with their liquidators to secure the best outcome for all creditors of the Aspire Trust, including the Council.
- (3) Authority is delegated to the Managing Director, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure and the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, to procure a temporary provision and award a contract to an interim services provider to manage the facilities at GL1 and Oxstalls, with an aspiration that all those recently made redundant by Aspire Trust be given guaranteed priority interviews for relevant roles in the new provision.
- (4) Authority is delegated to the Managing Director with the support of other appropriate officers to continue to procure a long-term partner to manage the leisure provision within the City in accordance with the Council's Sport and Physical Activity Strategy.
- (5) Officers are to provide regular updates to Party Group Leaders on the re-establishment of leisure services to the community, and to periodically report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (6) A leisure contingency reserve fund of £260k is established to support the development of this interim leisure service management. Funding to be drawn down by the Managing Director and the Head of Culture and Leisure after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure and the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources.