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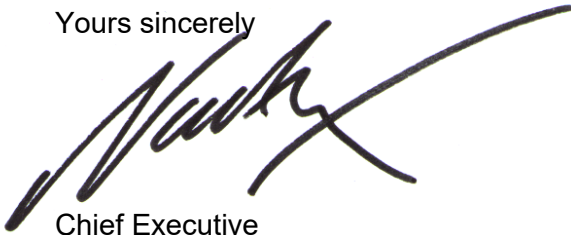
17 January 2025

Dear Councillor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a meeting of the **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** will be held in the Council Chamber at these Offices on Monday 27 January 2025 at 6.00 pm when the following business will be transacted.

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Yours sincerely



Chief Executive

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership:

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M W Rose (Vice-Chairman)
M Bates
S H Beer
D R Friend
S Hill
J P Loffman
M J Nee
D J Parks
L M Wright

AGENDA

- 1 **APOLOGIES** (Page 5)
To receive any apologies for absence.
- 2 **APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS** (Page 6)
To note appointments of Substitute Members.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (Page 7)

To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.

4 **MINUTES** (Page 8)

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16 December 2024 (to follow).

5 **DECISIONS OF THE CABINET RELATING TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** (Page 9)

To receive the Cabinet decisions in respect of recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

6 **ISSUES REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY PUBLIC PETITION, COUNCIL, CABINET, OR ANOTHER COMMITTEE** (Page 10)

To receive any public petitions or issues referred by Council, Cabinet or another Committee.

7 **NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING KEY DECISIONS** (Pages 11 - 14)

It is intended that Members should use the Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions to identify topics within the remit of the Committee for future scrutiny.

8 **SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 15 - 21)

It is intended that the Committee monitor and prioritise its rolling work programme.

9 **PUBLIC SPEAKING** (Page 22)

Please note that in accordance with the agreed Protocol for Public Speaking at Overview and Scrutiny, the right to speak only applies to agenda item 10.

Members of the public wishing to speak must register to do so by no later than 2.00 pm on the second working day (Thursday) before the meeting.

10 **TIDES LEISURE CENTRE** (Pages 23 - 52)

To consider the attached report of the Strategic Director (Place and Environment).

11 **IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ALL FACILITIES AT TIDES ON CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS** (Page 53)

To receive the views of clubs and organisations that would be impacted by the proposed temporary closure of all facilities at Tides for nine months from 1 April 2025 if decision CAB74 were to be implemented.

This agenda item has been added by the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor T J Bartlett.

12 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC** (Page 54)

The recommendation is attached.

MATTERS WHICH THE MANAGEMENT TEAM SUGGESTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE AS THE REPORT CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED WITHIN PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS INDICATED AND IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE PROPER OFFICER CONSIDERS THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN MAINTAINING THE EXEMPTION OUTWEIGHS THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN DISCLOSING THE INFORMATION

13 **TIDES LEISURE CENTRE - REVIEW OF INTERIM OPERATING ARRANGEMENTS** (Pages 55 - 62)

To consider the attached report of the Strategic Director (Place and Environment).

In accordance with paragraph 18 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, Councillors N S Kenton, O C de R Richardson, and C A Vinson have requested that Cabinet decision CAB74 be called-in. The reason given for the call-in is as follows:

“The reason for the call-in is that we do not feel that the Cabinet adequately considered the impact of the temporary closure on users of the indoor tennis centre and sports hall, given the many clubs and organisations that use the facilities. We do not believe these groups have been given sufficient notice to allow them to find alternative facilities. We do not believe these factors were given adequate weight or consideration when making the financial decision to close the whole Tides facility until January 2026.”

The decision taken by the Cabinet at its meeting on 13 January 2025 was as followed:

CAB74 It was agreed:

- (a) That the review of options to continue interim operations at Tides Leisure Centre be noted.
- (b) That the temporary closure of all facilities for nine months from 1 April 2025, until a new operator is appointed following a competitive tender process, be approved.

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