

ISSUES ARISING FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY OR OTHER COMMITTEES

MEMBER CALL-IN

TIDES LEISURE CENTRE – REVIEW OF INTERIM OPERATING ARRANGEMENTS

Responsibility: Portfolio Holder for Community and Corporate Property

Report of: Strategic Director (Place and Environment)

Decision Route

Cabinet	13 January 2025	CAB 74 (b)
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	27 January 2025	Minute No
Cabinet	3 February 2025	

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting held on 27 January 2025, considered Cabinet decision CAB 74 (b) following call-in of the decision by four non-executive Members (Councillors N S Kenton, D P Murphy, O C de R Richardson and C A Vinson) for the following reasons:

“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.”

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Recommendation

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director (Place and Environment) and the reasons for call-in, and made the following recommendation to Cabinet:

That Cabinet be requested to review all options, including any that may have emerged since the original Cabinet decision, to continue interim operations at Tides Leisure Centre, and to be mindful of the financial impact of any decision on the Council’s budget.

Cabinet Decision CAB 74 (b)

Cabinet Decision CAB 74 (b) was as follows:

'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.'