

INDOOR LEISURE FACILITIES - INTERNAL DUCT CLEANING

Decision Notice D060101MEM

The joint report of the Director of Leisure and Cabinet Members for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth and Resources and Capital Projects drew attention to the need to undertake internal cleaning of the ventilation ductwork at the Council's indoor leisure facilities at an indicative cost of £47,000. A copy of a memorandum from the Council's Health and Safety Officer was annexed to the report and in the light of media interest, the Board received a statement from the Director of Health and Housing indicating that he did not consider the situation posed a risk to public health. Considerable discussion ensued and the Board addressed the tendering process, the proposed funding of the work from Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Scheme grant, and the need to provide reassurance concerning public health.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the cleaning of the ventilation ductwork at all three indoor leisure facilities be progressed immediately;
- (2) the Council be recommended to approve funding by way of an earmarked reserve from the unexpected grant monies received in 2005/06 in respect of the Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Scheme;
- (3) the work be subject to tender, in accordance with the Contracts Procedure Rules on the basis of an Ad Hoc Approved List;
- (4) the Director of Leisure be given delegated power to approve the final tender list; and
- (5) the evaluation of the tenders be reported to a future meeting of the Board and the Health and Safety Officer and Director of Health and Housing be asked to confirm that there remains no threat to public health and little would be gained from further sampling, and to advise whether inspections should be scheduled on a more regular basis.