

TITLE	St Crispin's Leisure Centre
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Community & Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 28 November 2023
WARD	(All Wards);
LEAD OFFICER	Neil Carr – Scrutiny Officer

PURPOSE OF REPORT

In June 2023, the Council's Executive gave approval for a public consultation on the future of St Crispin's Leisure Centre, including an option of closing the leisure centre, and considering all potential options for the future use of the site.

At its meeting on 30 November 2023, the Executive will consider a report setting out the findings from the public consultation and the feasibility of the five options identified for the future of the leisure centre.

The 30 November Executive report is appended to this covering report, together with an Appendix that provides additional information requested at the Overview and Scrutiny meeting on 14th November.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee:

- 1) consider the attached Executive report and supplementary Appendix on the future of St Crispin's Leisure Centre;
- 2) make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Executive at its meeting on 30 November 2023.

Background

In June 2023, the Executive gave approval for a public consultation on the future of St Crispin's Leisure Centre, including an option of closing the leisure centre, and considering all potential options for the future use of the site. The use of the St Crispin's facility has continued to reduce following the Covid-19 pandemic and the opening of new leisure facilities in Wokingham Town Centre.

The public consultation subsequently took place for a period of 8 weeks, both in person and face to face. At its meeting on 30 November 2023, the Executive will consider a report (attached) which sets out the findings of the consultation and provides an in-depth feasibility analysis for each of the five options identified for the future of the leisure centre.

Members are requested to scrutinise the attached report together with the supplementary information provided in the Appendix (requested at Overview & Scrutiny Committee 14th November) and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Executive. Any recommendations from the Committee will be reported to the Executive at its meeting on 30 November.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces unprecedented financial pressures as a result of; the longer term impact of the COVID-19 crisis, Brexit, the war in Ukraine and the general economic climate of rising prices and the increasing cost of debt. It is therefore imperative that Council resources are optimised and are focused on the vulnerable and on its highest priorities.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	Set out in the attached Executive report		
Next Financial Year (Year 2)			
Following Financial Year (Year 3)			

Other Financial Information
Set out in attached Executive report

Public Sector Equality Duty
Set out in attached Executive report

Climate Emergency
Set out in attached Executive report

Reasons for considering the report in Closed Session
None

List of Background Papers
Executive Report – 30 November 2023

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