

**REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

**CABINET DECISIONS – 9 JULY 2019**

**1. Friary Grange Leisure Centre**

The Cabinet agreed:

- 1.1 That the Council exits the building by April 2020 because of the unfavourable terms of a new lease being proposed by Staffordshire County Council, the current poor condition of the building and the level of investment that would be required to make good (option 1).
- 1.2 That Council be requested to update the Medium Term Financial Strategy accordingly based on the preferred option (option 1) with £75,000 of the contract savings of (£101,202) set aside to fund the mitigation strategy and funding for the One off Costs identified of £520,400 provided by the Earmarked Reserve titled Leisure VAT Reclaim of £896,940.
- 1.3 That the Council work with Freedom Leisure to manage an orderly withdrawal of the leisure service at Friary Grange Leisure Centre by the end of April 2020.
- 1.4 To identify any possible alternative provision for leisure centre users and consider how a transition to these could be facilitated.
- 1.5 To develop a proposal within the next 12 months for how current and future leisure needs for the District could be met.

**DOUG PULLEN  
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**