

OFFICER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: NICOLA BUTTERWORTH, DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

KEY DECISION NO

DIRECTORATE: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

WARDS AFFECTED: BIRKENHEAD & TRANMERE

SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF EUROPA POOLS LEISURE POOL

1.0 DECISION:

- 1.1 Not to reopen Europa Leisure Pool during the school summer holiday period from 19/07/21 - 5/9/21 and authorise the utilisation of the space within the facility for an alternative provision of sport and activity.

2.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 2.1 Wirral continues to experience an increasing number of new cases of Covid19. Despite a central Government announcement on 12th July 2021 regarding the relaxation of COVID19 regulations from 19th July 2021, owing to the rapid increase in new infections, dominated by the Delta variant, Liverpool City Region was designated, by HM Government, as an area of Enhanced Response on 14th June 2021. The current rate of infection in Wirral is fourth highest in the Liverpool City Region and as at 14th July 2021, in the top 20 nationally. Infections rates across the North West also continue to increase and new cases of Covid-19 are now rising across the country. The opening of this facility at the capacity required to ensure the protection of public health and financial viability would be unsustainable in light of these local conditions.

The provision of a Leisure Pool offer is a non-statutory function of the Council.

3.0 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

- 3.1 The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

4.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST



Signed:

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