Council Meeting - 2 September 2015

Responses by Councillor James Mills, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Health

Set out below are responses to questions asked by Councillor Andy Graham at the Council meeting held on 2 September, arising from minute no. 21 of the meeting of the Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 9 July.

The questions and answers are as follows:

1. Will the procurement process be completed within 9-12 months?

Answer: Subject to Cabinet mandate regarding the scope and scale of the contract the procurement process can be completed within this timescale. A report is planned for Cabinet in October for decisions regarding the contract scope and facility development options/opportunities that could feature within the new contract.

2. Will Sport England Guidelines be used by way of best practice?

Answer: Sport England has developed a procurement toolkit to act as a resource for local authorities which officers have referred to in the pre-procurement phase of the project and will continue to use as needs dictate.

3. When will the further update for members including details of accounts, staffing and cleaning protocols at the facilities (as referred to at resolution 2 under item 21) be available?

Answer: A copy of GLL's accounts and the cleaning improvement plan will be emailed to Members of the Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee, along with some commentary which relates directly to the queries raised concerning staffing. GLL will be contacting Cllrs Mrs Carter, Mrs Crossland, Mrs Doughty and Mr Woodruff to liaise directly with them regarding the issues raised at the July meeting of the Committee.