

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Halo Joint Use Leisure Centre Funding Arrangement
Date of decision:	9 th February 2023
Decision maker:	Corporate Director Community Wellbeing
Authority for delegated decision:	CW-18 Cultural and Leisure Service Corporate Director, Community Wellbeing
Ward:	Kington
Consultation:	<p>The following colleagues have been consulted and advice provided has been incorporated into the decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halo Leisure Services Limited • Lady Hawkins School • Talk Community • Commercial Services
Decision made:	<p>Direct Award to Halo Leisure Services Limited.</p> <p>Halo Leisure Services Limited has successfully operated the Lady Hawkins Community Leisure Centre in Kington on behalf of Herefordshire Council since 2016 and are considered specialists in the field of delivering affordable and accessible leisure facilities.</p> <p>The Community Leisure Centre is situated within Lady Hawkins School and the facilities can be accessed by the school and the community. The leisure offer has been well received by community of Kington.</p> <p>Halo Leisure Services Limited is a charity and social enterprise which means that any profit from traded activities is reinvested into services. Halo Leisure Services Limited are able to offer a range of discounted and concessionary memberships enabling individuals living on low incomes to access the facilities and become members. Data indicates that people on low incomes suffer from significant health inequalities.</p> <p>There is already a Joint Use Agreement between Halo Leisure Services Limited and Lady Hawkins School in place, which outlines the use of the facilities and both parties have confirmed that they want the partnership to continue.</p> <p>Maintaining support for this community based leisure facility supports the ambitions of the Council's Physical Activity Strategy which aims to increase physical activity levels and build community resilience. It also support priorities 3 (increase quality of life) and 5 (increase active lifestyle) of the Council's Health and Wellbeing strategy.</p>
Reasons for decision:	<p>There are no additional costs linked to awarding the contract to Halo Leisure Services.</p> <p>There is not a diverse market of providers in this geographic or service area.</p> <p>Discussion with Halo Leisure Services Limited has been undertaken to ensure that they and Lady Hawkins School are in agreement about the</p>

	<p>delivery of this service.</p> <p>This is not a profit making opportunity and there is no clear market competition for this service. Halo Leisure Services Limited is a registered charity and social enterprise with clear social purposes. They provide leisure services across Herefordshire.</p> <p>A joint use agreement is in place for the delivery of the service.</p>
<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>The increasing cost of utilities is a potential risk the delivery of the service. To mitigate this risk, the duration of the contract will be for 1 year with the option to extend for a further 1 year. Utilities and maintenance costs will be calculated in proportion to each party and are detailed in the Joint Use Agreement that is in place for this service.</p> <p>There are no outstanding legal issues associated with the Lady Hawkins Community Leisure Centre.</p> <p>No health and safety implications or other risks have been anticipated.</p>
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>Lady Hawkins School to solely operate the Community Leisure Centre.</p> <p>Lady Hawkins School would be unable to deliver the leisure facilities without the expertise of Halo Leisure Services Limited and the service would have to be withdrawn from community use. This would have a negative impact on the community, school and the reputation of Herefordshire Council and would have a detrimental financial impact on the school as they would have to pick up all of the costs associated with running and maintaining the buildings.</p> <p>Complete a full tender</p> <p>This option is not recommended. No other potential providers have been identified to deliver the leisure facilities in conjunction with Lady Hawkins School. This is not a profit making service.</p>
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None</p>