

Report to the Council

Committee: Cabinet
Date: 4 April 2023
Subject: Contracts and Commissioning Portfolio
Portfolio Holder: Councillor Nigel Avey

Recommending:

The report of the Contracts and Commissioning Portfolio Holder be noted.

Leisure Management:

Energy Saving Initiatives

Working in partnership with Places Leisure, the Council is lowering its carbon footprint in its leisure centres by introducing new energy saving initiatives which include:

- Installing pool covers at Waltham Abbey Leisure Centre and Ongar Leisure Centre
- LED conversions at Loughton Leisure Centre and Ongar Leisure Centre
- New Building Management System and variable speed drives at Loughton Leisure Centre

Leisure centres are one of the Council's major assets and one of the largest contributors of the Council's carbon footprint. Decarbonising leisure centres is an important step to achieving the Council's Climate Change Action Plan. These measures will reduce carbon emissions and operational costs, resulting in more sustainable facilities.

Sport England Funding

Epping Forest District Council has been awarded funding from Sport England for utilities consultancy support. This funding will be used for the Sports Consultancy to undertake an Energy Benchmarking Review in relation to the Design, Build, Operate and Maintain Contract with Places Leisure. The utilities consultancy support will help the assessment of the utilities position of our community leisure facilities across the Epping Forest district area and provide the Council with an evidence base for any financial adjustments that might be necessary under the terms of the Contract.