

**KEY DECISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
'GENERAL EXCEPTION' RULES**

**117. LAND HOLDINGS - NORTH BOURNEMOUTH -
RESOURCES**

The Cabinet considered a report on the options for the provision of a North Bournemouth Leisure Centre, a long-standing Council aspiration to replace Kinson Swimming pool.

The Cabinet Member with the portfolio for Resources outlined the proposals and the Service Director for Leisure Services responded to questions on the detail of the project.

The Chief Executive reported that the VAT implications for the Council were currently being clarified.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

- Refurbishment of the existing Kinson Swimming Pool site
- New leisure centre build at the former Kingsleigh Infants School site.

DECISION MADE:

Recommended to Council:

1. That the acquisition of the ROKO site, Civil Service Sport Club, Kinson and the adaptation of the facilities at a total cost of £6.9 million to be financed as follows be approved and the Capital Programme be amended accordingly:

Corporate Capital Funding £3.9m;
Prudential Borrowing £2.5m
Leisure S106 Funding £0.5m

2. That the amendment to the Capital Programme funding enabling the release of £160K of Revenue Funding to support the anticipated revenue pressures during the period to full opening be approved.
3. That the following sites be declared surplus to Leisure Services requirements:
 - a. Kinson Swimming Pool site - following demolition of the existing Kinson Swimming Pool after the opening of the North Bournemouth Centre in October 2010;
 - b. former Kingsleigh First School site - with immediate effect

Reason for Recommendations:

The creation of a North Bournemouth Leisure Centre to replace Kinson Swimming Pool has been a long-standing aspiration of the Council. The new Centre will address a shortfall of indoor leisure provision in North Bournemouth and assist the Council and the PCT's objective to increase the levels of physical activity in this area of the town. The project will also achieve more cost effective leisure provision; will release land for alternative uses, will better meet the leisure needs and aspirations of residents in North Bournemouth, and will contribute to the Council's investment priority of 'all-weather attractions'.

Note: Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public, including the press, were asked to leave the meeting for the consideration of the above item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 4 in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighed such interest in disclosing the information.