

EXECUTIVE – 18 JANUARY 2024

QUESTIONS

Executive Summary

The following question regarding the Leisure Centre has been received under Section 3 of the Executive Procedure Rules. The reply by the Leader of the Council is set out below.

1. Question from Mr Brian Clarke

“Can we sell the Leisure Centre to a private concern and get a lump of money and try to reduce the debt?”

Reply by Councillor Ann-Marie Barker

“Woking Leisure Centre is a much loved and well used community asset. The Leisure Centre has over 350,000 visits a year and currently covers its operating costs, being generally a cost neutral part of the leisure contract. Going forward, the Council will need to undertake a condition survey to understand and plan for future building maintenance and investment requirements, similar to the exercise already undertaken for Pool in the Park.

The Council recognises the role this community asset plays in supporting our health and wellbeing strategy. The disposal of such a community asset would come with restrictions on how the land and facility could be used to secure its future for the benefit of the local community. Therefore, if sold, it would be unlikely to achieve a high capital value and would make a minimal contribution to the Council’s debt.”

Background Papers:	None.
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