Finance Update – additional Recommendation

RECOMMENDATION: That Cabinet:

Delegates authority to the Executive Director in liaison with the Lead Member for Finance and Lead Member for Culture and Community Services, for the appointments of the Braywick Leisure Centre Project Design Team within the overall approved capital programme, including progressing the Concept Design and related consultation into a Final Project Brief which will be submitted for approval by Cabinet in summer 2017 before significant progression of the Detailed Design and submission of a Planning Application.

This is as a result of:

The project to relocate the Magnet Leisure Centre to Braywick park is progressing as planned and the design team selection process has been started. A delegation is being sought to enable the formal appointment of the successful design team members (which includes Architect, Structural Engineer, Mechanical and Electrical Engineer), so as to avoid any delay with the development of the Concept Design and Final Project Brief within the project timetable and capital programme that has been approved previously.

The Final Project Brief will be subject to a later decision by Cabinet and this delegation is to ensure the design process can proceed in a very timely manner. The appointments will be funded from with the already approved capital budget.

This is therefore a technical request to comply with our Contract and Financial Rules in the RBWM Constitution and comply the authority to award contracts.