

RENEWAL, RECREATION & HOUSING PDS COMMITTEE
5th November 2019 - Draft minutes

45B OPTIONS APPRAISAL FOR CHIPPERFIELD ROAD SITE (BROMLEY VALLEY GYMNASTICS CENTRE)
Report DRR19/059/A

As outlined in the Local Plan, the Council intended to utilise the site of Bromley Valley Gymnastics Centre and adjacent land at Chipperfield Road (St Paul's Cray), to build approximately 200 residential units.

Part of the development would include a new community facility to bring together St Paul's Cray Library and Cotmandene Community Resource Centre. There was also potential to provide a new facility for Bromley Valley Gymnastics Centre.

In this regard, Members considered the current lease arrangement for Bromley Valley Gymnastics Centre and reviewed the proposed options for the use of the site.

Members also considered the confidential financial information set out in the accompanying Part 2 (Exempt) report (DRR19/059(b)).

The Head of Regeneration outlined the report to Members.

As the current facility was not fit for purpose, Councillor Stevens welcomed the proposals and supported Option 1 as recommended although he sought and obtained assurance that the Gymnastics Centre could continue to provide a continuity of service whilst work was being undertaken.

Details of the timeframe for work to be carried out was yet to be arranged and consideration was currently being given to submission of applications for funding.

In response to a query from Councillor Bear, Members were informed that the Gymnastics Club operated within a niche market and there were some elements of concern in regard to finding alternative operators in the unlikely event that it became necessary to do so. However, officers were confident that requirements would be met.

Councillor Botting fully supported the recommendations and welcomed the development of a new gymnastics centre together with the proposed additional café and crèche facilities, which would benefit the local community.

It was agreed that the recommendations to the Executive include an additional proviso to ensure that costs/rent paid by Bromley Valley Gymnastic Centre remain fair and viable.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1 the report be noted and the Committee's comments be provided to Members of the Executive; and**
- 2 a further recommendation be added as set out at 3.3 below.**
- 3 Members of the Executive be recommended to:-**
 - 3.1 agree to re-provide a gymnastics centre for Bromley Valley Gymnastics Club as set out in paragraphs 3.12 to 3.18 of the Part 1 report;**
 - 3.2 agree the recommendation set out in the accompanying confidential Part 2 (Exempt) report (DRR19/059(b)); and**
 - 3.3 ensure that costs/rent paid by Bromley Valley Gymnastic Centre remain fair and viable.**