

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 85

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Freedom Leisure Contract – Response to Increased Energy Costs

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Wards Affected: All Wards

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Action Required of Policy & Resources Committee:

To receive the recommendations of the TECC Committee for consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Policy & Resources Committee:

- (i) Note the contents of this report in relation to the increased costs faced by leisure operators across the UK linked to the energy supply crisis.
- (ii) Agree that it is necessary to support Freedom Leisure to ensure their continued viability and the delivery of the Sports Facilities Contracts.
- (iii) Authorise the Executive Director of Economy, Environment and Culture to implement the range of mitigation measures outlined in this report at paragraphs 3.18 and 3.23, with the exception of the caveat regarding parking charges outlined in 2.8.
- (i) Note that the various measures will be reviewed by officers over six months and a report will be brought to TECC by June 2023 on whether it is possible to revert back to standard contract arrangements. Committee authorises the Executive Director of Economy, Environment and Culture to make revisions and changes to the arrangements based on the ongoing impact, cost and potential changes to utility prices, but agrees that committee approval will be sought if car park charging is required at Withdean Sports Complex.

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