

**Bracknell Forest Council  
Record of Decision**

<b>Work Programme Reference</b>	
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1. **TITLE:** Support for Everyone Active to enable recovery from the impact of COVID-19

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Delivery

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To outline the support offered by Bracknell Forest Council to Everyone Active (EA) to enable recovery from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and to ask for Executive approval for that support.

4 **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

**RESOLVED** that

- i. Everyone Active is granted a management fee holiday for the full year 2020/21, inclusive of the relief for the first quarter's management fee previously approved by the Executive on 28 April 2020;
- ii. the Council will underwrite the estimated reopening costs and losses for Everyone Active for the period July 2020 to March 2021, with the actual sum to be calculated on an "open book" basis in accordance with the approach set out in paragraph 5.15 and in Appendix 2 of the Director:Resources report.
- iii. the revised surplus share mechanism described in 5.20 that offers the potential, subject to actual trading performance, for the Council to recoup the costs incurred in respect of recommendation 2.2 be approved over the remaining life of the contract with Everyone Active up to 31st March 2033.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The government has set out its plan for returning life to as normal as possible following the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic in a stepped programme. This programme has released sectors of the economy in a phased manner, while still keeping an eye on protecting communities and the health services. It was expected that this would include the permitted re-opening of leisure services on the 4th July, however this was not the case. An announcement was made on the 9th July that Indoor gyms, swimming pools and sports facilities can reopen from 25 July. This is the date that the Council and EA are now working towards for reopening Bracknell Leisure Centre.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The Executive could determine not to support EA's cashflow position as proposed.

The consequence of this would be that EA would need to take a commercial view on whether to re-open the facilities or not. If they remain closed due to trading uncertainties, the costs for hibernating buildings will continue and increase over time, with the council having to meet these costs, with no likely prospect of recovering them.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Director: Finance  
Borough Solicitor
10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** EA Support July 2020 Finalv2
11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None

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14 July 2020	21 July 2020

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