

7 FORMATION OF A CHARITABLE ORGANISATION TO MANAGE LEISURE AND CULTURAL FACILITIES IN DUNDEE (AN8-2011)

The Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Director of Leisure and Communities are currently preparing a report for consideration by the Policy and Resources Committee early in 2011 in which they will recommend that Officers be instructed to investigate the feasibility of forming a charitable organisation to manage leisure and culture facilities in Dundee to enable the Council to progress the "Changing for the Future" Agenda.

The Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) considers that it will be necessary to engage external legal advisers to give advice on the most appropriate form of charitable organisation and to assist with the legal work arising out of the organisation's formation.

The Committee is requested to agree that the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) in consultation with the Director of Leisure and Communities be authorised to seek tenders from appropriate external legal advisers and then to accept the most economically advantageous tender so that, if the Committee agrees the Officers' recommendations, work can begin on the proposed charitable organisation at the earliest possible time in order to deliver the maximum possible savings in financial year 2011/12. The financial implications of the proposal as a whole will be set out in the said report to Committee.