

<b>Item No</b>	<b>Referred from:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>
<b>5B</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>14 January 2025</b>
	<b>Title of item:</b>	<b>Decarbonisation of Leisure Centres Update</b>

At the meeting on 14 January 2025 Cabinet were provided with an update on the project to decarbonise the Council's leisure centres, including predicted growth in ongoing revenue costs, due to revised modelling of the impact of installing air source heat pumps and the expected capacity for PV panels at the facilities.

The revised report considered by Cabinet at the meeting held on 14 January 2025 can be viewed here:

<https://democracy.north-herts.gov.uk/documents/b12088/DECARBONISATION%20OF%20LEISURE%20CENTRES%20UPDATE%2014th-Jan-2025%2019.30%20Cabinet.pdf?T=9>

Cabinet agreed in principle to proceed with Option 4a as detailed in paragraph 8.9 of the report and made the following recommendation to Council.

***RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:***

That Council proceed with Option 4a and approve the additional forecast capital and ongoing revenue costs (including revenue costs of capital) and note the ongoing project risks.

***REASONS FOR DECISIONS:***

- (1) To identify the most appropriate way forward for the leisure centre decarbonisation project, taking into account both the environmental benefits of the project and the impact on the Council's wider financial position.
- (2) Council has the responsibility to make decisions about any matter in the discharge of an executive function where the decision maker is minded to make it in a manner which would be contrary to the policy framework or contrary to/or not wholly in accordance with the budget.
- (3) To enable the Council and contractors to continue to meet the delivery time table for the project.

The recording of the meeting can be viewed via the link below:

<https://srvmodgov01.north-herts.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=133&MId=3594>