

## Area Partnership Board Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2011

### Briefing Report on Northwich Memorial/ Lifestyle Centre

#### 1.0 Aims and Objectives of the Project

The Memorial/ Lifestyle Centre will provide a unique leisure, cultural and service offer for Northwich, and be a flagship for the regeneration of the town. As well as a core offer of a new swimming pool, health and fitness suite and multipurpose entertainment hall, the ambition for the new centre was that it could contain a number of services including a relocated and expanded library, a relocated adult day care facility and front end Council customer services.

#### 2.0 Budget

A budget of £11.0 million was approved for this project by the Executive Meeting of 09 February 2011 and Council meeting of 25 February 2011. This budget included no specific provision relating to ancillary considerations such as Adult Day Care provision.

#### 3.0 Options

To progress the project a number of options have been investigated to ensure that the project meets with the budget allocation. Stated priorities for the facility mix were the replacement of the Memorial Hall, swimming pool and dry leisure. Three options were generated as below;

	Capital Cost ( £m)
<b>Option A</b> – Replacement of Memorial Hall, Wet & Dry Leisure, Library, CWCC Front End Services, Cafe	£15.83
<b>Option B</b> – Replacement of Memorial Hall, Cafe & Wet & Dry Leisure	£13.49
<b>Option C</b> – Replacement of Memorial Hall , Café & Dry Leisure only	£11.07

The options were presented to the Executive Steering Group on the 28th June 2011. The Executive Steering Group resolved that the current £11 million budget should not limit the project facility and services mix and that further development of the options was necessary, and the views on the options should be sought from the Area Partnership Board and Weaver Valley Partnership Board.

Option B is currently the recommended option as it contains an optimal mix of facilities to replace key cultural and leisure facilities as per the original brief and expectations of the Executive Steering Group. This provides the most cost effective revenue saving to the Council for the additional capital costs above the original budget of £11 million.

#### 4.0 Views Sought from Area Partnership Board

The views are sought from the Area Partnership Board on the relative merits of the options against the APB priorities:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Economy and Education
- Environment and Transport
- Community Safety