

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2020

**“C402            HOLM VIEW VACCINATION CENTRE PROVISION (EL/PR)  
(SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) -**

The Leader presented the report the purpose of which was to seek approval to agree an early surrender of the Legacy Leisure Lease of Holm View Leisure Centre and subsequently grant a two-year Lease of the property to Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) to enable the UHB to utilise the building as a Vaccination Centre for COVID-19.

The report followed a request from the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) for assistance with establishing a location for a vaccine centre in the Vale of Glamorgan in preparation for when COVID-19 vaccines are approved.

Prior to the start of the pandemic earlier this year, Cabinet resolved that Holm View Leisure Centre be marketed for a community type use. Due to the restrictions imposed by the UK and Welsh Government as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, marketing was unable to progress. In the meantime, the Council had been approached by the UHB as outlined above.

Colleagues from the UHB had inspected Holm View Leisure Centre and had confirmed that the building was suitable for their proposed vaccination centre and requested a 2-year Lease.

Given the need to ensure adequate and urgent provision of new vaccine centres in light of unprecedented challenges from COVID-19, it was proposed to suspend the marketing exercise of the Holm View Leisure Centre and to grant a two-year Lease to the UHB on terms and conditions to be agreed. The UHB wished to Lease the whole building.

An agreement relating to the early surrender of the existing Lease of the property to Legacy Leisure would need to be reached. Early discussions in relation to the proposed surrender had been positive.

The Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health commented that he was most grateful that a central location for Vale residents was able to be found to offer the facility as one of three to be made available across the Cardiff & Vale Health Board area. Residents would also be able to access the vaccine through other avenues, such as mobile testing to care homes, etc. to supplement provision.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED -

(1) T H A T the Director of Environment and Housing Services, in consultation with the Head of Finance / Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services, negotiate the surrender of the current Lease of Holm View Leisure Centre with Legacy Leisure and the proposed new Lease to the UHB.

(2) T H A T the Director of Environment and Housing Services, in consultation with the Head of Finance / Section 151 officer, the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, be authorised to grant a two year Lease, with break clauses, of Holm View Leisure Centre to the UHB for use as a vaccination centre and other associated uses, subject to Resolution (1) above.

(3) T H A T the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to complete all necessary documentation to affect the surrender of the existing Legacy Leisure Lease and to complete the new Lease to the UHB.

(4) T H A T the marketing of the building be re-commenced during 2021 to allow sufficient time for bid proposals to be considered and a successful bidder confirmed, ensuring that the building was beneficially occupied as soon as possible after the UHB's lease expires.

**(5) T H A T the urgency procedure set out at Section 14:4 of the Council's Constitution be approved in respect of Resolution (1) – (4) above.**

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To enable a vaccination centre to be established in the Vale of Glamorgan in preparation for a working COVID-19 vaccine.

(2) To allow a new Lease to be issued to the UHB.

(3) To allow for the completion of all necessary documentation to affect the surrender of the existing Lease to Legacy Leisure and completion of a new Lease to the UHB.

(4) To ensure the marketing isn't delayed any longer than required and a beneficial use found for the building as soon as possible following the cessation of the UHB requirement.

**(5) To ensure that the building can be occupied as soon as possible to ensure that there are no delays to any COVID-19 vaccination programme."**