

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

6th December 2011

HEWELL ROAD POOL SITE – PLAY AREA

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Michael Braley, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Management.
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Teresa Kristunas, Head of Finance and Resources.
Wards Affected	Batchley and Brockhill Ward
Ward Councillor Consulted	
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

To set out for Members the position regarding the current play area adjacent to Hewell Road Pool following the closure of the Pool as an operational building.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Committee is asked to RESOLVE that

until such time as the site is disposed of, the play area adjacent to Hewell Road Pool be secured from the rest of the site to allow for its continued use following the demolition of the pool and clearing of the site.

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 The financial implications associated with management of the site of Hewell Road Pool following its closure as an operational building were set out in the report to the Executive Committee on 4th October 2011.

Legal Implications

- 3.2 No Legal implications have been identified.

Service/Operational Implications

- 3.3 This report has been prepared, further to the Council Leader's agreement at the last Council meeting, to take back this specific element for Executive Committee consideration and decision. This followed Members' approval of the proposed demolition and disposal of the Hewell Road Pool building and site following closure of the Pool on the opening of the new pool at the Abbey Stadium.

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The site for disposal included the current play area in order to give greater flexibility to a potential developer, given the nature of the site. This would allow for the play area to be repositioned on the site or replaced and improved elsewhere using Section 106 monies, in consultation with Ward Councillors.

- 3.4 At the Executive Committee meeting on 4th October, Members enquired as the feasibility of the play area remaining operational until redevelopment commenced. Worcestershire County Council Property Services Officers have advised that it may be necessary to close the play area during the demolition works but there is no reason why the demolition site could not then be secured from the play area. This would leave the play area open for use. Access may however be restricted to the roadway to the north of the pool and the footbridge.
- 3.5 With regard to the actual demolition, notices required as part of the planning process will be posted in area giving 28 days for comment. In addition nearer the time of demolition arrangements can be made for more local communications.
- 3.6 The removal of asbestos and the demolition of the building are likely to take place at different times, owing to the specialist nature of the asbestos removal operation and the requirement to undertake ecological surveys.
- 3.7 There may be a need to close the play area during the time of the removal of the asbestos / demolition of the existing building.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.8 The play area may not be accessible to users during the time when work is taking place to the existing building for safety reasons.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

The proposal to close the play area when works are being undertaken to the existing building following its closure as an operational building are part of the risk management plan for this site.

5. APPENDICES

None.

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6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Executive Committee report and minutes 4th October 2011
(published).

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