

**Question: PQ20.03&04**

**Cabinet – 22 June 2021**

**Re: Agenda item 20 – SLM Leisure Contract and Financial Assistance**

**Questions submitted by: Sarah Piggot (not attending)**

I have read with interest the cabinet paper relating to the operator SLM who run 6 of the city's leisure centres and pools.

I note that you will be instructing offers to prepare documents for tender for procurement of these services soon for contracts which end in March 2022.

I would like to ask the following questions and am happy for the responses to be in writing as I am unable to attend the meeting on Tuesday next.

1. If tender documents are to be prepared for the SLM pool stock in the City, are they to be prepared for Hengrove and Jubilee also? And if not why not?
2. If the Mayor is (as he says he is) willing to consider a Community Asset Transfer for Jubilee Pool, will he confirm that Friends of Jubilee may go ahead and prepare an expression of interest **now** and that the same or similar extensions past March 2022 for the procurement process, that will be granted to pools going through a tender process, will be granted to a Community Group to complete the Cprocess which we understand can take up to a year to complete? (Supplementary question, will a CAT EIO take Jubilee out of any tender process until a decision is reached?)

**Reply:**

1. Tender documents are not being prepared for Hengrove as that contract does not expire in March 2022.
2. As you note, it is a legal process. It has to be open to all parties to ensure the best possible outcome for the pool. We are committed to supporting a community led solution, and I have asked officers to meet with the Friends of group so that we can make sure they are at the centre of that process.