

**Statement: PS11.17**

**Cabinet – 8 February 2022**

**Re: Agenda item 11 - Leisure Facilities Investment and Procurement**

**Statement submitted by: Sue Paterson**

I object to the proposed closure of Kingsdown Sports Centre (KSC) on the following grounds:

a) The consultation was undemocratic and a sham. All three options included (and depended upon) the closure of KSC and Jubilee Pool, so the decision to close these facilities had clearly already been made. This decision was based on false or misleading information in the officer's report, including misrepresentation of usage figures, running costs and deprivation levels in the area served by KSC.

b) Our local councillors, elected to represent the community, were shamelessly ignored and sidelined in the entire process.

c) No evidence has been provided that investment in other parts of Bristol would be matched by an increased uptake in in those areas.

d) This is clearly an asset stripping exercise by Bristol City Council at the expense of a close knit and mixed local community.

At the very least the Council should revisit the officer's report and demand that the errors and misrepresentation are corrected before any decision is made.