

APPENDIX III

DETERMINING THE PREFERRED OPTIONS

Based upon the research done, it is thought that option 1 would not be viable. A minimum refurbishment is not a long-term option, and will be costly for minimal effect.

It is recommended that options 3 & 4 be disregarded as they involve a new build at the Heavitree Road site. Options 5 & 6 are not viable as they could only be developed if Clifton Hill, the only available site, were demolished, which would be unnecessary.

It is proposed that 11 & 12 also be disregarded as the baseline figures show Exeter does not need a new large facility.

Option 2 would be high cost, and the effect would be mostly cosmetic. There would be a major disruption to service and no option for capital receipt. There is not a lot of space on site, therefore making it impossible to reconfigure the building substantially. It is however considered important to keep this option open in case alternative locations become unavailable as the project progresses.

Options 9 & 10 are not viable as there are no off the shelf designs that are realistically capable of being joined to Clifton Hill that would provide the desired facilities.

Options 7 and 8 could both be viable. The difference is the extent to which the building and its plant etc are refurbished. A new pool would require 'wet' changing facilities, and some reconfiguration of the existing building at Clifton Hill. Each could mostly be undertaken whilst the facility is in operation, and depending on the option the disruption could be quite minimal.