

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE	6 JANUARY 2022	7
BOATING POOL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

This report requests funding for a Boating Pool Safety Improvements scheme. The scheme includes a series of measures to safeguard the public in the use of the facility, including the installation of non-slip rubber wetpour surfacing, accessible ramp, traffic barrier fence and a public safety sign. The Committee are requested to approve a fully funded budget increase to the value of £60,000 to deliver the scheme in-line with a specification prepared by officers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is requested:

1. To recommend to the Finance and Democracy Committee approval of a new fully funded addition to the Councils Capital Programme in 2021/22 in the sum of £60,000 to the 'St Annes Paddling Pool (boating pool) - health and safety improvements' scheme, to be met in full from the Capital Investment Reserve.
2. Subject to approval by Finance & Democracy Committee, the committee is requested to authorise the drawdown expenditure of £60,000 in 2021/22 as detailed within the report.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

None

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	√
Environment – To deliver services customers expect	√
Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	√
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	√

REPORT

BACKGROUND

1. Parks and Coastal Services are proposing to implement a scheme to undertake various safety improvements to the boating pool within the Promenade Gardens, St Annes. The boating pool encloses the octagonal cast-iron bandstand (c1900, Grade II listed) and was constructed in 1912. Despite its original purpose, the facility now serves as a public paddling pool and enhancements are required to safeguard users.
2. The pool and bandstand are important heritage assets with strong architectural character. Any enhancements to structure and form must remain sensitive to original design concepts and comply with planning regulations. The scheme specification takes this into account and proposes enhancements which are in-keeping with the area. The Council's Planning Development Manager has been consulted for the proposed scheme and works fall within the Council's Permitted Development Rights.
3. Proposed works include the preparation of the pool base to remove existing paint and ensure the proper binding of a new safety surface. A blue, non-slip rubber wetpour surface will then be installed to provide cushioning in the event of a slip or fall. A similar surface was used in the construction of Splash and proves to be suitable. Works also include the design and installation of a single accessible turning platform ramp with a handrail to allow safe access when entering and exiting the pool. A traffic barrier fence to protect pedestrians and a public safety sign will also be included in the scheme.

PROCUREMENT PROCESS

4. Parks and Coastal Services will lead the procurement process on a JCT design and build basis, whereby the appointed contractor is required to complete the design and undertake the necessary works in line with a specification.
5. A restricted tender process will be undertaken via the request for quotation procedure. The opportunity will be advertised through the Chest Procurement Portal with a January submission deadline. The specified deadline for the completion of the works will be March 2022.

METHOD AND COST OF FINANCING THE PROJECT

6. A budget increase to the value of £60,000, fully funded from the Capital Investment Reserve, is requested to complete this scheme.

Table 1: Cost Plan

Cost Heading	Description	Total £
Abrasive treatment to the base of the pool to remove existing paint and prepare for new surface.	Pool base preparation.	£5,000
Installation of blue rubber wetpour surface.	Pool base surfacing.	£36,000
Installation of ramp and handrail.	Pool access treatment.	£15,000
Installation of pedestrian traffic barrier fence.	Safety barrier between pool and road.	£3,000
Design and installation of public safety sign.	Sign to guide safe usage.	£1,000
Total Project Costs		£60,000

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	The report requests that the Tourism and Leisure Committee recommends to the Finance and Democracy Committee the approval of a fully funded increase to the sum of £60,000 for the Boating Pool Safety Improvements scheme, within the Council's approved Capital Programme for 2021/22 - to be met in full from the Capital Investment Reserve. To approve the drawdown of £60,000 to complete the scheme within the Council's 21/22 Capital Programme, subject to the approval by the Finance and Democracy Committee.
Legal	None arising from this report.
Community Safety	The scheme will safeguard users of the facility.
Human Rights and Equalities	The scheme will improve facility accessibility and inclusivity.
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	The scheme seeks to incorporate sustainable materials. Lifecycle costs will be considered during the tender process.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	The tender specification will stipulate health and safety requirements in the design and construction of the scheme.

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