

## BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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<b>Title</b>	<b>KETTERING SWIMMING POOL</b>		

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To update Members of the planned capital investment of £40,000 to the swimming pool in 2019/20
- 1.2 To recommend that Members support an additional programme of refurbishment to the pool changing facilities
- 1.3 To ask Members to recommend the Executive Committee to allocate an additional £100,000 of funding in the 2019/20 capital budget for these works; and
- 1.4 To ask Members to recommend to the Executive Committee that the Swimming Pool Task and Finish Group is disbanded.

### **2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 In July 2017 Members of this committee resolved that a Task and Finish group would be set up to consider the opportunities for development at Kettering swimming pool and the associated costs.
- 2.2 The Group has decided to consider the potential for additional investment, including expansion and additional service offer.
- 2.3 It was agreed that information would be sought from a number of leisure facilities that had either been refurbished and upgraded or were new build, to ascertain the potential for a similar project. Questionnaires were devised and sent to five different facilities.
- 2.4 Responses have now been received from four of the five surveyed premises. The next step planned was for Members to review the information and then for site visits to be arranged to view facilities.
- 2.5 Members may wish to take the opportunity of considering the current situation with respect to the potential change to local government structures taking place in 2020. The timescale for this change, together with the potential for any new spending to require approval by the Shadow Authority, effectively means that it will not be in this authority's gift to make major changes to swimming pool provision in the Borough.

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2.6 However, it may be feasible to carry out some investment in the shorter term, which improves facilities and addresses some operational challenges, to leave the pool in a better condition. The item which is already included in the 2019/20 capital programme is:-

- £40,000 of planned essential capital investment in the plant room.

The item that could also be included in the 2019/20 capital programme is:-

- £100,000 investment in the changing facilities, as these are acknowledged to be aging and in need of improvement.

### **3. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT**

3.1 It is unlikely that any substantive remodelling of the property could take place by April 2020 given the time likely to be required to procure and deliver a project of scale.

3.2 Members should be aware that works of this extent are likely to require a long-term closure of the facilities.

3.3 The planned works to the plant room while not providing an obvious benefit to the customer does protect the life of the pool and guard against unexpected plant failure. Members should be aware that there is likely to be a need for a short planned closure to complete this work.

3.4 Customer feedback suggests that the condition and facilities offered for changing are not meeting the needs of users, so responding to this feedback with a programme of works could be a positive step in the short term. It is likely that a refurbishment of this scale could be tendered out and delivered in a twelve month period.

### **4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Investment to improve and protect the Council's assets are deemed to be prudent.

### **5. FINANCIAL RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There is no money in the draft capital programme for 2019/20 other than the £40,000 set aside for works to the plant room at the pool. There is an opportunity for this Committee to recommend the inclusion of a figure as part of their response to the budget (elsewhere on this agenda).

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5.2 With investment of approximately £100,000 improvements could be made to the existing changing facilities that would see better flow, potentially in a shared changing area. This would address the needs of users, particularly families.

### 6. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Officer time would be required to oversee the procurement and delivery of such a major project. Additional specialist resource may be required.

### 7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Any works procured would need to be done in line with the Council's Standing Orders.

### 8. RECOMMENDATION

8.1 That Members note the planned £40,000 investment to the plant room of the swimming pool in the 2019/20 capital programme;

8.2 That Members agree to a planned programme of refurbishment to the swimming pool changing rooms;

8.3 That Members recommend to the Executive Committee that an additional sum of £100,000 be allocated in the draft capital programme for 2019/20 to enable the programme of refurbishment to be delivered; and

8.4 That Members recommend to Executive that the Task & Finish Group is disbanded and additional capital investment is made to the swimming pool as set out above in order to modernise and improve the changing rooms of the facility.

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Background Papers:  
Swimming Pool Task &  
Finish Group Minutes  
Contact Officer David  
Pope

Previous Minutes/Reports:  
Research and  
Development Committee  
minutes July 2017  
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