

REPORT OF: CORPORATE DIRECTOR
TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
DATES: 14th OCTOBER 2021

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INVESTMENT IN LEISURE FACILITIES

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To provide further information to the Committee regarding the proposed strategic review of indoor leisure facilities and investment in the Council's facilities following call in of the decisions made at the Committee's meeting on 16th September.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. It is recommended that the Committee:-
 - a) acknowledges the need for the strategic review to be undertaken in order to be in a position to seek Sport England funding;
 - b) nominates three members to the review Project Group;
 - c) considers the allocation of further funding from the Pendle Leisure Trust reserve for investment in the priority capital repairs set out in the appendix.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. To take forward the strategic review to inform future investment in facilities and to carry out urgent repairs

Background

4. At the meeting on 16th September the Committee received a report on Investment in Leisure Facilities. This recommended firstly support for a strategic review of indoor leisure provision in the Borough and secondly funding for up to £500,000 for urgent work on various Leisure Trust properties.
5. The Committee resolved as follows;
 - “(1) That it be noted that Pendle Leisure Trust would be financing the undertaking of a further detailed study on the provision of leisure facilities in Pendle, as set out in the report.

- (2) That the outcome of the study, referred to in (1) above, be reported to a subsequent meeting of this Committee once completed.
- (3) That an allocation of £136k (estimated total works of £121,000 plus fees) be agreed from the Pendle Leisure Trust reserve for investment in priority capital repairs to leisure facilities as follows -

Site	Works	Estimated Costs £
Pendle Leisure Centre	Roof replacement - Phase 1 £80k	80,000
Pendle Leisure Centre	Emergency Lighting failure to pool side - replace CBU	4,000
Pendle Leisure Centre	Minor works to car park/entrance pathway	3,500
Wavelengths	Minor works to car park surface and forecourt pavers	2,000
Wavelengths	Rebuild wall/fence and barrier to parapet boundary wall in service car park	19,000
West Craven Leisure Centre	Replace cladding to gym dormer frontage + installation of input/ extract to roof void to alleviate condensation issue	10,000
Marsden Golf Club	Entrance driveway - minor works to road surface	2,500
Fees		c15,000
Total		136,000

And that consideration be given to the remaining works set out at Appendix A of the report, following further discussions by the Budget Working Group and the outcome of the study by the Leisure Trust.”

6. Following the meeting the attached call in notice was a received. In accordance with the procedure a meeting with the callers in was held, a note of which is also on the agenda.

Review of Leisure Provision

7. Max Associates who will be conducting the strategic review have now provided a detailed methodology for the review. It will use a Strategic Outcomes Planning Model to develop a clear approach to provide effective and sustainable physical activity and sport opportunities for Pendle. Sport England advises that such an approach is essential for it to make effective investment into provision of both facilities and services.
8. The review will be open and wide ranging with no preconceived views as to the outcome.
9. It has been agreed with the Leisure Trust that the Project Group for the review will include 3 councillors. This will ensure that the Council is involved in every aspect of the review. The Committee is invited to nominate the councillors. In addition the Chief Executive and another member of Council staff will join the Group.

10. As the Committee has been previously advised the cost of this work is estimated at £40k. Sport England has indicated that it would contribute £10k towards this with the Leisure Trust providing the other £30k.

Priority Capital Repairs

11. A list of the proposed repairs which were not approved at the last meeting is submitted as an appendix providing further information on them.
12. The Estates and Property Services Manager considers that all are necessary and should be carried out over the next 6 months. Some are the Council's responsibility as the landlord. He also believes the estimates are reasonable but formal tendering will be undertaken.
13. As the Committee will recall it was proposed in the previous report that £500k from the Leisure Trust Reserve could be used to fund these repairs. £136k of this was committed at the last meeting.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy

14. There are no policy implications arising from the contents of this report.

Financial

15. The financial implications are generally as provided in the report.

Legal

16. There are no legal implications arising directly from the contents of this report.

Risk Management

17. There are no risk management implications arising from the contents of this report.

Health and Safety:

18. There are no health and safety implications arising from the contents of this report.

Climate Change:

19. There are no climate change implications arising directly from the contents of this report.

Community Safety:

20. There are no community safety issues arising directly from the contents of this report.

Equality and Diversity:

21. There are no equality and diversity issues arising from the contents of this report.

APPENDICES

Appendix A – Call In notice

Appendix B – Remaining Priority Capital Repairs

PENDLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Request to Call-In a Decision of the Policy and Resources Committee

Title of item: INVESTMENT IN LEISURE FACILITIES		
Decision Taken on: 16th September 2021		
Call-in requested by: <i>(please see Note 2 below)</i>		
Signature <i>TWhipp</i> Print name Tom Whipp	Signature _____ Print name Marjorie Adams	Signature _____ Print name Mohammed Iqbal
Reasons for seeking a Review of the Decision: The agreement for £40,000 to be spent on a study looking at having just one leisure facility serving both Colne and Nelson is perverse, given the Council's policy to retain all three leisure centres. Approval for the study to be carried out should be cancelled. The cut in investment in repairs to £136,000 is detrimental to the future of the facilities and their successful operation. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(please continue on a separate sheet, if necessary)</i></p>		
Proposed Alternative Course of Action: The full amount of investment as recommended in the report to committee should be carried out and the study to look at closing one of the two leisure centres should not be carried out and the freed-up funds be used to invest in the leisure centres. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(please continue on a separate sheet, if necessary)</i></p>		
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NOTES:

1. Please insert title of item and date of Policy and Resources Committee meeting.
2. The signatures of any three Members of the Council (representing at least two of the political groups) are required.
3. This form must be returned by 5.00 p.m. on the third working day after notification that the Policy and Resources Committee meeting has taken the decision in question (normally Wednesday).