



<b>Report To:</b>	Cllr Craig Leyland
<b>Date:</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	Sutton on Sea Paddling Pool Refurbishment
<b>Purpose:</b>	Leaders Decision for Additional Funding
<b>Key Decision:</b>	N/A
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Cllr Craig Leyland Leader of the Council
<b>Report Of:</b>	Andy Fisher Deputy Chief Executive – Programme Delivery and Assistant Director - General Fund
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<b>Ward(s) Affected:</b>	Sutton on Sea
<b>Exempt Report:</b>	No

## Summary

The Sutton on Sea Paddling Pool site or The Maple Leaf Pool as it is referred to was opened on 6th August 1954 by a representative of the High Commission for Canada as a gift from the Kin clubs of Canada and the Canadian people to commemorate the fortitude of the people of Mablethorpe and Sutton on sea during the devastating floods of 1953. The site was last refurbished in 2004 with a focus on maintaining a traditional seaside theme in context of the wider Pleasure Gardens site. The pool has been closed since the 2024 season due to a major capital regeneration scheme adjacent being delivered but normally opens to the public seasonally from the last May bank holiday until end of September each year.

The Council is now in advanced negotiations with construction partners to deliver this significant refurbishment program to the paddling pool facility at this location to open in time for the 2025 summer season that will complement the opening of the adjacent new colonnade building. The council has an approved capital budget for these works of £400K however final RIBA Stage 4 costings associated with the delivery of this project have now been established to be £524K.

## **Recommendations**

That the council agree to draw down against capital funds already agreed and allocated for complimentary development projects in Sutton on Sea area in 25/26 to allow the works at the paddling pool to commence and be completed in time for the traditional opening time in late May Bank Holiday 2025.

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

To allow officers to formally enter fully funded contracts for the planned refurbishment works to the historic paddling pool to allow works to be completed in May 2025.

## **Other Options Considered**

Should the decision be made not to allocate the additional funding necessary to deliver this project, this would mean that the paddling pool would remain unusable and would not open in May 2025. This would be politically unacceptable and very unpopular with residents and visitors to Sutton on Sea.

## **1. Background**

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## **2. Report**

- 1 The Council is now in advanced negotiations with construction partners to deliver this significant refurbishment program to the paddling pool facility at this location to open in time for the 2025 summer season that will complement the opening of the adjacent new colonnade building. The council has an approved in year capital budget for these works of £400K however final RIBA Stage 4 costings associated with the delivery of this project have now been established to be £524K. This means there is a £124K budget pressure that needs to be funded to allow these works to be contractually commissioned and completed.

- 2 The scheme in summary is essentially a refurbishment of the current site with particular emphasis on providing a new paddling pool plant room and associated pool plant and M&E services infrastructure, external hard landscaping and public realm-based street furniture enhancements in keeping with the wider colonnade development scheme.
- 3 Given the timescales for delivery of the scheme, Officers must ensure reopening of the facility in conjunction with the Colonnade wider scheme in May 2025 as communicated to Local Ward Members residents and visitors.
- 4 It is vital the project on site is completed by no later than **by w/c 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025** to allow our pool operators to undertake handover training and prepare to recommission the site for official opening on **23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**.

### **3. Conclusion**

That Cllr Leyland approves a decision to allocate a further £124K capital funding to the existing £400K to allow officers to enter contracts for the planned refurbishment works to the historic paddling pool to allow works to be completed in May 2025.

#### **Implications**

##### **South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership**

##### **Staffing**

None

##### **Workforce Capacity Implications**

None

##### **Constitutional and Legal Implications**

None

##### **Data Protection**

None

##### **Financial**

As detailed in the body of the report.

##### **Risk Management**

None

##### **Stakeholder / Consultation / Timescales**

No consultation undertaken due to the urgency of the decision needed.

## **Reputation**

Should the refurbishment works not be undertaken there would be a significant risk of reputational damage to the council.

## **Contracts**

If sufficient additional funding is not allocated as per the recommendation contained in this report officers will be unable to enter relevant contractual arrangement for the required works to be completed.

## **Crime and Disorder**

None

## **Equality and Diversity / Human Rights / Safeguarding**

None

## **Health and Wellbeing**

None

## **Climate Change and Environment Impact Assessment**

*None*

## **Acronyms**

*None*

## **Appendices**

None

## **Background Papers**

*No background papers as defined in Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report.*

## **Document title**

Sutton on Sea Paddling Pool Refurbishment

## **Where the document can be viewed**

ELDC Council Website

## **Chronological History of this Report**

*A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body.*

## Report Approval

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### Checklist – Complete before submission to Democratic Services

S151 Officer consulted on financial implications:	Yes
Monitoring Officer consulted on legal and constitutional implications:	Yes
Have PSPS been consulted regarding any aspect of this report that might require action on their part?	NA
Portfolio Holder consulted:	Yes
Ward Member consulted:	No