

OFFICER DECISION RECORD SHEET

Name of decision maker: Assistant Director – Diane Southam
Service Area; Place, Communities and Enterprise

Title of Decision: Approval to sign Swimming Pool Revenue Funding Agreement with Sport England

Decision made and reasons:

Decision: The approval to sign the Funding Agreement with Sport England to receive £122,231 to support rising energy and utility costs of operating the swimming pools in Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead.

Reason:

Following a successful application to Sport England's Phase 1 Swimming Pool Fund, £47,466 has been awarded to Berkhamsted Leisure Centre and £74,765 to Hemel Hempstead Leisure Centre. The funding is aimed at supporting the revenue costs of operating the swimming pools during 2023/24 in recognition of the rising energy and utility costs.

Reports considered:

N/A

Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

James Doe
Cllr Sheron Wilkie
Nigel Howcutt

Financial Comments:

The Sport England grant has been awarded to support growing energy costs related to the delivery of the leisure services in Dacorum. In-line with the Sport England's grant conditions these funds will be pass ported to the leisure provider SLM to support the increased energy costs they have incurred in 2023/24

Monitoring Officer Comments:

The draft funding agreement contains a number of requirements in terms of reporting and monitoring, and officers will need to ensure that all of these conditions are met on an ongoing basis until the end of the grant term.

S151 Officers Comments:

The grant will be received and pass ported to the leisure provider in line with the grant conditions and hence will have no direct financial impact on the council's finances

Implications

Value for Money: The funding will provide much needed support to the operator

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Everyone Active and lessen the strain on the council to provide additional financial support to ensure the continued operation of the swimming pools

Financial: There are no financial commitments from the council required

Risk: The funding would not be awarded if the Funding Agreement is not signed.

Officer Signature:



Date: 12 October 2023