

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**LEISURE and ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**

**19 May 2009**

**Report of the Chief Leisure Officer and the  
Cabinet Member for Leisure, Youth & Arts**

**Part 1- Public**

**Matters for Recommendation to Cabinet - Non-Key Decision (Decision may be taken  
by the Cabinet Member)**

**1 TONBRIDGE SWIMMING POOL – PUMPING STATION REFURBISHMENT**

**Summary**

**This report updates the Board with regard to the Capital Plan List A project to refurbish the pumping station that serves Tonbridge Swimming Pool.**

**1.1 Background**

1.1.1 The Board will be aware that the refurbishment of the pumping station at Tonbridge Swimming Pool is an approved scheme on List A of the Capital Plan. The effective operation of Tonbridge Swimming Pool relies upon the efficient and reliable operation of its foul pumping station. A number of years ago deterioration of the structure was identified by the Chief Engineer and temporary remedial works effected.

1.1.2 The pumping station now requires substantial refurbishment at an estimated cost of £39,000. The project is being progressed in liaison with the Chief Engineer.

**1.2 Proposed Works**

1.2.1 Works shall cover the following areas:

- Removal and subsequent re-installation of pipe work and pumps
- Sealing of horizontal joints between the existing precast rings
- Casting of new concrete base

**1.3 Procurement**

1.3.1 Procurement of specialist contractors will be progressed in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

## 1.4 Operational Impact/Timing of the Works

- 1.4.1 The foul pumping station removes sewage from the pool complex and therefore during the period of works there will be no toilets, showers or provision to backwash (introduce fresh water) to the pools. As a consequence the works will result in a total closure of the facility.
- 1.4.2 The draft programme of work shown below suggests a total closure period of 23 days between 9-31 December 2009. This would incorporate the usual Christmas closedown period at Tonbridge Swimming Pool when annual maintenance work is normally undertaken. It also represents the quietest time of year in terms of customer usage.

| Task   | Duration | Start      | Finish     |
|--|----------|------------|------------|
| Drain pool   | 3 days   | 09/12/2009 | 11/12/2009 |
| Empty and cleanse wet well<br>Remove pipes and pumps | 2 days   | 12/12/2009 | 13/12/2009 |
| Seal horizontal joints                               | 7 days   | 14/12/2009 | 20/12/2009 |
| Prepare and cast new concrete base                   | 4 days   | 21/12/2009 | 24/12/2009 |
| Christmas break                                      | 3 days   | 25/12/2009 | 27/12/2009 |
| Reinstall pipework and pumps<br>Commission system    | 4 days   | 28/12/2009 | 31/12/2009 |

## 1.5 Loss of Income

- 1.5.1 The estimated loss of income for the period of the works is £1,000 per day or £15,000 given that the pools would normally be closed completely for a short period over the Christmas break. This figure allows for some savings in expenditure on casual staffing and other normal operational costs.

## 1.6 Other Maintenance Issues

- 1.6.1 The closure will allow progression of one or two other major maintenance issues that are most easily undertaken when the pools are drained and/or the facility is not operational.
- 1.6.2 In particular this includes the re-grouting of the base of the fitness pool. Emergency remedial work to the base of the pool was progressed underwater last Christmas where the deterioration of the grout was most evident, however the proposed closure will allow the entire base to be regouted. Funding is identified in the current year of the Building Repairs Reserve Expenditure Plan for this work.

## 1.7 Legal Implications

- 1.7.1 None.

## **1.8 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

- 1.8.1 The project is identified in List A of the Capital Plan. Procurement will be undertaken in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.
- 1.8.2 The timing of the work is designed to minimise the loss of income.

## **1.9 Risk Assessment**

- 1.9.1 The Indoor Leisure Operational Risk Register identifies the need to maintain the facilities in a fully functioning condition at all times and to complete agreed Capital Plan projects within agreed timescales and approved budgets. The risks of failing to do so are identified primarily as professional and financial.

## **1.10 Policy Considerations**

- 1.10.1 Asset Management, Business Continuity/Resilience, Health and Safety, Procurement.

## **1.11 Recommendations**

- 1.11.1 It is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED TO CABINET** that:

- 1) the proposal outlined in the report and the programme shown at paragraph 1.4.2 for the refurbishment of the pumping station at Tonbridge Swimming Pool be approved; and
- 2) subject to the outcome of the procurement process the work contracts be awarded.

The Chief Leisure Officer confirms that the proposals contained in the recommendation(s), if approved, will fall within the Council's Budget and policy Framework.

Background papers:

Nil

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