

Name of meeting: Cabinet
Cabinet Date: 16th April 2019

Title of report: Investment in the facilities at Dewsbury Sports Centre

Purpose of Report: To seek permission for the refurbishment of the wet side changing village at Dewsbury Sports Centre before the closure of Spenborough Pool.

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?	No
Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by the Strategic Director and name	Karl Battersby - 29.03.2019
Date signed off by the Service Director for Finance	Eamonn Croston - 04.04.2019
Date signed off by the Service Director - Legal, Governance and Commissioning?	Julie Muscroft - 05.04.2019
Cabinet member portfolio	- Cllr Graham Turner Corporate

Electoral wards affected: Dewsbury East
Ward councillors consulted: No

Public or Private: PUBLIC

Have you considered GDPR? There are no GDPR implications relating to this report.

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to access funding agreed in the new Capital Plan for The Council, working in close partnership with Kirklees Active Leisure (KAL) to refurbish the wet side changing village at Dewsbury Sports Centre before the closure of Spenborough Pool.

2. Information required to take a decision

(a) Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 13th February 2019 Full Council approved the allocation of £2.5m of capital funding for condition and suitability improvements at Dewsbury Sports Centre over the period 2019/20-2023/24 as part of the Council's new Five Year Capital Investment Plan.
- 2.2 Of this £2.5m allocation, £300K was identified for expenditure in Financial Year 2019/20.

(b) Changing village

- 2.3 The changing facilities at Dewsbury Sports Centre are looking tired. The changing village serves the main swimming pool with key features such as the floors, wall, cubicles and showers falling below customer expectations.
- 2.4 A targeted refurbishment of essential items is proposed, as indicated below:
- The main changing area will see essential condition works on floors, walls, cubicles, lockers and lighting;
 - The male and female toilets and shower area will see full refurbishment to include, walls, floors, cubicles, sanitary, vanity, shower units and lighting;
 - The main shower area and disabled toilets will see refurbishment of walls, cubicles, sanitary ware, shower units and lighting with essential condition works on floors.

Current high-risk mechanical plant essential for changing area ventilation and domestic hot water is included in the refurbishment, reducing risk and ensuring continuity of service delivery.

- 2.5 Every effort will be made to minimise the impact on the swimming pool opening by phasing the works to the changing village. However some disruption is inevitable but will be kept to an absolute minimum.
- 2.6 The refurbishment scheme is currently being designed and prepared for tender, with an indicative estimated budget requirement for the works of between £180k - £240k.
- 2.7 Dewsbury Sports Centre will become the main leisure hub in North Kirklees, due to the two year closure of Spenborough Pool from September 1st 2019, both for the public and the school swimming programme. The proposed project will address suitability issues and create a facility that is fit for a modern day leisure operation.

- 2.8 To minimise disruption to the school swimming programme following the closure of Spen Pool and also taking into account the extra footfall which will be created at Dewsbury Sports Centre from September 2019 onwards, it is intended that the refurbishment works will be carried out during the summer holidays 2019.
- 2.9 Following discussions between the Council's Technical Services and KAL, it has been agreed that KAL will procure the design team and oversee the development process, with the Council, as landlord, providing the required capital funding, technical oversight and overall project control.
- 2.10 The improvements to the changing village will help retain current customers of both Dewsbury Sports Centre and Spenborough Pool and increase the chances of recruiting and retaining customers.
- 2.11 KAL will be making additional investment in redecoration and refurbishment of other areas, such as reception and the fitness areas, including equipment replacement to improve customer experience.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Working with People

This will have a positive impact on the community by improving facilities and enabling a healthy lifestyle by encouraging more people through the door in a better environment.

3.2 Working with Partners

This project will be developed, designed and implemented in partnership with KAL and will facilitate the best possible outcome by using the undoubted expertise that KAL has within the leisure sector.

3.3 Place Based Working

No direct impact.

3.4 Improving outcomes for children

This scheme will enable the school swimming programme to continue in modern leisure facilities following the closure of Spen Pool from 1st September 2019. It is anticipated that the improved facilities will attract more users, many of which will be children and young people thereby contributing to a healthy lifestyle.

3.5 Financial implications

The capital investment outlined in this report of £180k - £240k in Financial Year 2019-20 will be funded from Council prudential borrowing, the revenue servicing charges for which have been included in the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan.

3.6 *Legal*

If the pool at Dewsbury Sports Centre had to close during the Spen Pool closure then schools will be unable to meet their statutory obligation to provide swimming lessons for key stage 1 and 2 children. There is not enough capacity at other pools without these two centres within the area to accommodate the level of demand.

The Council will ensure Contract Procedure Rules are followed during the procurement process.

3.7 *Human Resources*

There are no Human Resources implications.

4. Consultees and their opinions

- 4.1 The Corporate Landlord Asset Investment programme has been subject to consultation with senior officers from KAL, affected services and discussed at Senior Leadership Team and Portfolio Holder briefings.

5. Next steps and timelines

- 5.1 Subject to approval of this Cabinet report, officers from Corporate Landlord, Technical Services and KAL will ensure that the project is developed, designed, procured and implemented within the stated budget and timescales.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

- 6.1 Members are requested to:

(a) Consider and approve capital funding to upgrade the changing village at Dewsbury Sports Centre in Financial Year 2019/20 within the budget envelope stated in paragraph 3.5 of this report in order to make it suitable for public and school swimming programme use and thereby recruit and retain customers.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

- 7.1 The Cabinet Corporate Portfolio Holder welcomes the investment in our Leisure facilities recognising the scheme will help given the closure to Spenborough Pool schedules for September 2019 and recommends that the project to upgrade the changing village at Dewsbury Sports Centre in 2019/20 is approved and welcomed.

8. Contact officer

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9. Background Papers and History of Decisions

Council 13th February 2019: 5 Year Capital Plan

<http://democracy.kirklees.gov.uk/documents/s26981/Cabinet%20Budget%20Report.pdf>

10. Service Director responsible

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