

## OFFICER DECISION RECORD 1 FORM

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**Decision Reference No: 2024/43/PH/ConditionSurveymonies**

**BOX 1**

**DIRECTORATE: Chief Executives  
Office**

**DATE:**

**Contact Name: Andrew Maddox**

**Tel. No.: 01302 737377**

**Subject Matter: Condition survey and feasibility monies, Dearne Valley, Adwick and Edlington leisure centre**

**BOX 2****DECISION TAKEN**

Allocate £75k from the Revenue Contribution to the Capital Programme reserve (ref 2014-10) to undertake condition surveys for Dearne Valley and Adwick Leisure Centres as well as further feasibility work for Edlington Pool development.

**BOX 3****REASON FOR THE DECISION**

Since 2020, The City of Doncaster Council has embarked on an investment programme into the leisure portfolio, addressing works in relation to health and safety and refurbishing the assets as a direct outcome of closures. This work continues in 2024-2025 under a planned venue by venue approach, which has enabled business continuity for the Leisure Trust, however the stock ranges in age from 60 years old through to 25 years and facilities out of scope have now reached a business-critical point.

Dearne Valley Leisure Centre has recently attracted funding via Sport England from the Government's Swimming Pool Recovery fund. This allocation is primarily to address energy efficiency and sustainability elements of the venue, however as part of the research scope it is apparent there are other elements of the venue that are nearing end of life or will impact business continuity within the next 18 months.

This would mean that the venue could close to the public for an extended period of time, preventing health and wellbeing programmes and placing additional revenue pressure on service delivery.

Adwick Leisure Complex has been identified at risk building and system failures due to age of the building and its mechanical systems and is highly likely to suffer business continuity impacts within the next 2 years, arising from a lack of building infrastructure investment.

This would mean that the venue could close to the public for an extended period, preventing health and wellbeing programmes and placing additional revenue pressure on service delivery.

To better understand the risk and future requirements for investment a suite of surveys will be commissioned to assess the needs of both Dearne Valley and Adwick leisure centres, which will inform capital bids to ensure the long-term viability of the buildings.

In addition, monies will be used to commission further feasibility work and in particular commissioned legal support to progress the designs and development of a new pool for Edlington.

#### **BOX 4**

##### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

Not to allocate monies and allow commissioning of these surveys will result in CDC being unable to progress the bids for capital monies to ensure future viability of Dearne Valley and Adwick leisure centres.

In addition, we would not be able to progress Edlington Pool development if monies were not made available. This option has been rejected.

#### **BOX 5**

##### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Council may use its power under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011, which provides the Council with the general power of competence, allowing them to do anything which a person, may generally do.

S111 Local Government Act 1972 states that a local authority shall have power to do anything (whether or not involving the expenditure, borrowing or lending of money or the acquisition or disposal of any property or rights) which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions.

In accordance with Section 19(1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 "A local authority may provide, inside or outside its area, such recreational facilities as it thinks fit...."

As a responsible landlord it is a reasonable step to carry out such surveys.

**Name:** Scott Fawcus                      **Date:** 07.10.24

Name of Service Director of Legal and Democratic Services (or representative)

**BOX 6****FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The recommendation of this report is to allocate funding of £75,000 for conditions surveys at Dearne Valley and Adwick Leisure Centres and for further feasibility works at Edlington Pool (the “Scheme”) from the Revenue Contribution to Capital Programme earmarked reserve.

The Scheme will be fully funded by an allocation of £75,000 from the Revenue Contribution to Capital Programme earmarked reserve. The value of this contribution is less than £250,000, and therefore the relevant Director and the Chief Finance Officer must approve the decision to allocate funds to the Scheme from this earmarked reserve.

The funding is sufficient to meet the scope of the feasibility and conditions survey work within the Scheme, detailed as followed:

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Type of Work                                   | 2425           |
| Conditions Surveys at Adwick and Dearne Valley | £25,000        |
| Feasibility Work at Edlington Pool             | £50,000        |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>£75,000</b> |

Scheme expenditure will be financially monitored internally in line with B4-B6 of the Financial Procedure Rules as part of the ongoing Leisure Capital Programme.

The Council will be delivering the Scheme internally, but the Scheme outcomes will form part of the ongoing Leisure Capital Programme, which is jointly delivered by the operator of Doncaster’s leisure facilities, Doncaster Culture and Leisure Trust.

Where expenditure of the Scheme meets the relevant accounting standards for capitalisation, an additional will be made to the Council’s capital programme under B.9 of the Financial Procedure Rules.

The feasibility and conditions work will feed into the works programme for the Leisure Capital Programme, however additional funding and approvals must be sought if any capital works arising from the feasibility work and conditions surveys are identified.

**Name: Alex Hill**

**Date: 9th October 2024**

Name of Chief Financial Officer and Service Director of Finance (or representative)

**BOX 7****OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS**

None identified.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Service Director (or representative)

**BOX 8**

**EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:** (To be completed by the author).

Affordable and accessible sports and fitness facilities are important to increasing participation. Accessible facilities help support a reduction in the rates of obesity and increase in physical activity levels in the general population. Increased levels of activity support more people to remain independent and be healthier for longer as well as supporting a sustained reduction in health inequalities.

Greater opportunities will be afforded to residents through being physically active, leading to improvements in their quality of life. Children and young people will have the opportunity to engage in positive activities resulting the associated benefits regular activity provides in their health and education.

**BOX 9**

**RISK IMPLICATIONS:** (To be completed by the author)

Not to re allocate funding would result in the inability to undertake surveys resulting in not being able to submit request for capital monies to maintain Dearne Valley and Adwick Leisure Centers.

This would result in not be able to facilitate the planned works which would result in the facilities suffering further detrition in the building fabric, increasing health and safety issues and having adverse effect on income generation through reduced visits to facilities. This could further lead to full/part closure of facilities.

In regards of Edlington pool development, none allocation of funds would not enable us to progress specific legal work to move the project forward. This would result in development works being slowed or at worst halted resulting in the risk of not being able to progress the build of a new pool.

**BOX 10**

**CONSULTATION**

Consultation has taken place with portfolio holder and relevant CDC officers.

**BOX 11**

**INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, it is in the public interest for this decision to be published in full, redacting only the signatures.

Name:     Claire Hewitt    

Date:   09/10/2024  

Name of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates

**BOX 12**  
**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Please confirm if any Background Papers are included with this ODR **YES/NO**

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**BOX 13  
AUTHORISATION**

**Name:** Rachael Leslie **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 08/10/2024

Director of Public Health

**Does this decision require authorisation by the Chief Financial Officer or other Officer**

**YES**

**If yes please authorise below:**

**Name:** Faye Tyas **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 09.10.24

Service Director of Finance & Technology & Chief Financial Officer

**Consultation with Relevant Member(s)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Designation** \_\_\_\_\_

**(e.g. Mayor, Cabinet Member or Committee Chair/Vice-Chair)**

**Declaration of Interest YES/NO**

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