



## **Council**

6 December 2022

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## **STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL/CHAIRMAN OF CORPORATE BOARD**

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Welcome to my December Leader's Statement.

There is now less than 4 months before we cease to exist as a Council on 31 March 2023. It really is important that the opportunity is taken again to thank our Chief Executive, Senior Management Team, Officers and staff for their continued hard work in helping to have a smooth transition for vesting day.

In this respect, I have been advised that the Chief Executive designate for the new North Yorkshire Council, Richard Flinton, is to visit Richmondshire on Friday, 16 December to meet staff and be shown various projects and current operations, including the refurbishment works at Richmond Pool.

In terms of Richmond Pool, we will be considering a recommendation from Corporate Board to provide some increased funding to Richmondshire Leisure Trust because of the spiralling energy costs that they are experiencing. This has also been picked up by the media and BBC Look North will be visiting the Pool to produce a news item to highlight the difficulties being faced by the leisure industry.

I was hoping to have some information on our Levelling up bid; however, at the point of writing this there has been no announcement from Government. As soon as there is any decision it will be put into the Members Bulletin.

It only remains for me to wish Members, Officers and our residents a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.