

**North Yorkshire Council**  
**Executive Member Meeting**

**9 August 2023**

**Sport England Swimming Pool Support Fund**

**Report of the Corporate Director Nic Harne.**

<b>1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT</b>
1.1 To request approval from the Assistant Director- Resources following consultation with the Executive Member for Culture, Arts and Housing to authorise submission of an application to Sport England’s Swimming Pool Support Fund for swimming pools across North Yorkshire.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Sport England have designed a grant scheme to support swimming pools that continue to be affected by significant rises in utility costs and swimming pool chemical costs. In phase 1 of the scheme, £20million is available to support swimming pools that are at risk of closure or have had to significantly reduce their service provision. Phase 2 of the scheme, includes £40million for capital investment into energy saving systems.
- 2.2 Phase 1 of the scheme is now open and the application submission window is 4<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> August, funding will be awarded between £10,000 - £500,000 as a whole (per authority) and decisions will be confirmed in September 2023.

**3.0 PROPOSAL**

- 3.1 There are x17 Council owned swimming pools in North Yorkshire, however, the funding process requires both Council and community/charity owned swimming pools to form a collective application for each Council area, the table below lists the swimming pools included in the application, those highlighted are Council owned:

<b>LEISURE CENTRE</b>	<b>OPERATOR</b>
CRAVEN LEISURE	North Yorkshire Council
SETTLE SWIMMING POOL	Settle Area Swimming Pool Charity
UPPER WHARFEDALE SCHOOL	North Yorkshire Council (School)
BEDALE LEISURE CENTRE	North Yorkshire Council
NORTHALLERTON LEISURE CENTRE	North Yorkshire Council
STOKESLEY LEISURE CENTRE	North Yorkshire Council
THIRSK AND SOWERBY LEISURE CENTRE	North Yorkshire Council
JACK LAUGHER LEISURE AND WELLNESS CENTRE	Brimhams Active
KNARESBOROUGH POOL	Brimhams Active
NIDDERDALE POOL AND LEISURE CENTRE	Brimhams Active
STARBECK BATHS	Brimhams Active
THE HYDRO	Brimhams Active
RICHMOND SWIMMING POOL	Richmond Leisure Trust
DERWENT SWIM & FITNESS CENTRE	Everyone Active

RYEDALE SWIM & FITNESS CENTRE	Everyone Active
SCARBOROUGH SPORTS VILLAGE	Everyone Active
WHITBY LEISURE CENTRE	Everyone Active
SELBY LEISURE CENTRE	Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles
TADCASTER COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL	Tadcaster Community Swimming Pool Trust

3.2 It is proposed that an application is submitted for all North Yorkshire owned swimming pools and community/charity partner swimming pools, a sample of the application template can be seen in Annex A.

3.3 Swimming pools are high energy consuming and with recent exceptional rise in energy costs, the financial impact on each swimming pool is significant. The funding criteria allows up to £500,000 per Council area, therefore, it is anticipated that the funding request per site will be £26,315 (x19 swimming pools). The awarding of funds is determined by specific criteria and number of applicants, Sport England expect the scheme to be significantly over-subscribed.

3.4 The application process requires a priority order as to which swimming pools are in most need of funding, the assessment will be based on the following factors:

- Financial impact - total increased costs
- Location – review of swimming pool provision in surrounding area
- Access – number of hours available for public access

The Assistant Director of Culture, Leisure, Archives and Libraries (Community Development) will approve the priority ordering.

3.5 The distribution of funding will need to be agreed with organisations that operate swimming pools on behalf of North Yorkshire Council and community/charity partner organisations.

#### **4.0 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN AND RESPONSES**

4.1 All operators of council owned swimming pools have been engaged and are in support of the application. Other community/charity swimming pools are also in support of the application.

#### **5.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

5.1 There are no alternative options, this is a 'one-off' scheme.

#### **6.0 IMPACT ON OTHER SERVICES/ORGANISATIONS**

6.1 Successful application to the scheme, will help reduce the impact of rising energy costs and support the sustainability of swimming pools across North Yorkshire.

#### **7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 Potential receipt of up to £500,000 grant funding based on £26,315 per site.

7.2 Should the application be successful, the funding will contribute towards the overall financial sustainability of council and community owned pools and will reduce the level of council subsidy.

#### **8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 At the current time it is understood that grant terms are not available for review, however, should these be issued they will also be reviewed by legal services.

8.2 If the application is successful NYC will be required to enter into a Funding Agreement. This agreement will be reviewed by legal services and if any of the terms and conditions present an unacceptable risk for the Council then the grant offer would be declined.

8.3 Any agreements entered into with operators will be approved by legal services to ensure compliance with the Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules and the Subsidy Control Act 2022.

## **9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 None, see Annex B, Equality Impact Assessment

## **10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 None in phase #1 of the funding, see Annex C – Climate Change Impact Assessment. Carbon reduction may feature in phase #2 of the funding via capital investment into energy saving systems and technology.

## **11.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

11.1 To support the financial sustainability of swimming pool provision for residents across North Yorkshire.

11.2 To support the Council's efficiency saving programme.

## **12.0 RECOMMENDATION**

For the Assistant Director - Resources following consultation with the Executive Member for Culture, Arts and Housing to authorise the submission of the application to Sport England's Swimming Pool Support Fund for swimming pools across North Yorkshire.

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Corporate Director – Community Development  
County Hall  
Northallerton  
26/07/23

Report Author – David Ashbridge, Leisure Operations Service Manager  
Presenter of Report – David Ashbridge/Jo Ireland, Assistant Director of Culture, Leisure, Archives and Libraries

Annex A – Sample Application Template  
Annex B – Equality Impact Assessment  
Annex C – Climate Change Impact Assessment

Note: Members are invited to contact the author in advance of the meeting with any detailed queries or questions.



## Introduction

This workbook is used to collect information from applicants to the Swimming Pool Support Fund for funding requests from Sport England. Please enter the relevant data in all cells formatted with yellow-shaded fill. No other cells should be overwritten or edited, nor should any sheets, rows or columns be added or deleted from this workbook. All expenditure numbers should be entered as [positive] numbers.

The workbooks is formatted to support user readability, as follows:

User input
<a href="#">Hyperlinked text</a>
Calculation
Error Check
Warning Check

## Fund Objectives

The purpose and objective of the SPSF Phase I revenue funding is to support the survival of public sector swimming pools facing increased operating costs and thereby protect the wider health outcomes, economic and lifesaving water safety benefits they provide.

The objectives of the SPSF are to:

- Minimise the reduction of viable swimming pool provision or significant service reduction within local authority areas, targeting sites most vulnerable to closure, in order to maintain levels of viable swimming provision at current levels.
- Prevent gaps in public leisure provision emerging, maintaining the percentage of people living within 20 minutes' drive of a public swimming pool at the same level.
- Prioritise support in those areas of greatest socio-economic need (as evidenced by deprivation), where all other factors are equal.
- Encourage the leisure sector to transition to a position of environmental and financial sustainability, increasing the number of local authorities with a strategic plan for leisure and active wellbeing, aligned with the upcoming Sport Strategy. The investment is intended to ensure that swimming pools that receive support from SPSF maintain the facility and the service for a fixed period of time.

## Fund Objectives

Fund launch: Friday 30 June 2023

Applicant registration and access to application form: from noon on Friday 30 June 2023

Portal opens for submission of completed applications: from Friday 4 August 2023

Application submission deadline on the portal: Noon on Friday 11 August 2023

Applications received after the closing date and time will not be considered for funding.

## Freedom of Information

As Sport England is a Public Body we have to comply with The Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Act gives members of the public the right to request any information that we hold. This includes information received from organisations such as:

- Grant applicants
- Grant holders
- Contractors
- People making a complaint

Some information is exempt from The Act, such as personal details. If information is requested under the Freedom of Information Act we will release it. If you think that information you are providing may be exempt from release, you should let us know when you apply.

## Current Privacy Notice (amended 28 June 2023)

As Sport England is a Public Body, we must comply with the Data Protection Act 2018 and UK GDPR (Data Protection Legislation). We are committed to protecting your privacy and will ensure any personal information is handled properly under Data Protection Legislation. This privacy statement explains how Sport England collects, uses and looks after personal data. Please read the statement below and acknowledge reading by ticking the box included on the Applicant Information page. Our lawful basis for processing your personal data is public task.

### Purpose

We will use the personal data and other information you give us in your submission and in supporting documents for:

- assessing applications
- administering grant funding
- monitoring grants
- evaluating the way this and other our funding programmes work and the effect they have
- reporting statistics to Government
- communicate with you in relation to any queries or concerns you may have relating to your application, this funding programme or enquiries you make to Sport England generally

## Data Sharing

We may also share your personal data with other third parties including but not limited to:

- Accountants, auditors and external evaluators
- Other organisations or groups involved in delivering your submission
- Other lottery distributors, government departments, such as DCMS, DLUHC, the Cabinet Office or HM Treasury
- Other organisations and individuals with a legitimate interest in lottery applications and grants
- Other organisations for the prevention and detection of fraud
- Our approved suppliers, agents or managed service providers

Wherever we share personal data we will do so in accordance with Data Protection Legislation

## Data Retention

We will retain your personal data and submitted information in accordance with our File Retention Schedule which provides as follows:

Document	Duration
Pre-application	1 year
Grant Award Application	2 years
Withdrawn Applications	1 year
Unsuccessful Application	2 years
Revenue/Capital (with no security) Award	6 years
Grant Award with security	12 years

## Your rights as a data subject to your data

In relation to the personal data Sport England holds you have the right to:

- Access your personal data by making a subject access request to the DPO at the contact details provided (dpo@sportengland.org)
- Ask Sport England to rectify any mistakes in your personal data and in some circumstances have it erased.
- Refuse processing,

If you have a concern about our processing of your personal data you may contact us at DPO@sportengland.org. You may also lodge a complaint about Sport England's handling of your personal data by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office:

The Information Commissioner's Office (www.ico.org.uk )

Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

### Counter Fraud

Sport England takes its role in preventing and detecting fraud very seriously and we take a zero-tolerance approach to those who seek to commit an act of fraud, theft, corruption or bribery against us.

We might use personal information provided by you in order to conduct appropriate identity checks. Personal information that you provide may be disclosed to a credit reference or fraud prevention agency, which may keep a record of that information.

It is the responsibility of the organisation applying to ensure all information contained in the application is accurate. If you provide false or inaccurate information in your application or at any point in the life of any funding we award you and fraud is identified, we will provide details to fraud prevention agencies to prevent fraud and money laundering. If you are a company this will include the names of the Company Directors at the time of the fraud. You must undertake to inform all Directors, Trustees and Committee members of this notice.

We investigate all allegations of fraud in accordance with our Counter Fraud Strategy which includes seeking both criminal and civil prosecutions. More information about our Counter Fraud Strategy can be found on our website.







## Equality impact assessment (EIA) form: evidencing paying due regard to protected characteristics

(form updated June 2023)

### Sport England Swimming Pool Support Fund

Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) are public documents. EIAs accompanying reports going to County Councillors for decisions are published with the committee papers on our website and are available in hard copy at the relevant meeting. To help people find completed EIAs, we also publish them in our website's Equality and Diversity section. This will help people to see for themselves how we have paid due regard in order to meet statutory requirements.

Name of Directorate and Service Area	Community Development (Culture, Leisure, Archives and Libraries)
Lead Officer and contact details	David Ashbridge david.ashbridge@northyorks.gov.uk 01609 767276
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the EIA	Jo Ireland, Assistant Director – Culture, Leisure, Archives and Libraries
How will you pay due regard? for example, working group, individual officer	Involvement of support services in report for Exec Member Meeting
When did the due regard process start?	11 <sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Section 1. Please describe briefly what this EIA is about.** (for example, are you starting a new service, changing how you do something, stopping doing something?)  
Application to Sport England's Swimming Pool Support Fund for swimming pools in North Yorkshire.

**Section 2. Why is this being proposed? What are the aims? What does the authority hope to achieve by it?** (for example, to save money, meet increased demand, do things in a better way.)

The scheme is designed to support swimming pools that continue to be affected by significant rises in utility costs and swimming pool chemical costs. In phase 1 of the scheme £20million is available to support swimming pools that are at risk of closure or have had to significantly reduce their service provision. Phase 2 of the scheme, includes £40million for capital investment in to energy saving systems. There are x16 Council owned swimming pools in North Yorkshire, however the funding process requires both Council and Community/Charity owned swimming pools to form a collective application for each Council area.

Phase 1 of the scheme is now open and the application submission window is 4th -11th August, funding will be awarded between £10,000 - £500,000 as a whole (per authority) and decisions will be confirmed in September 2023. It is proposed that an application is submitted for all North Yorkshire owned swimming pools and community/charity partner swimming pools.

**Section 3. What will change? What will be different for customers and/or staff?**

Should the application be successful, the funding will contribute towards the overall financial sustainability of council and community owned pools and will reduce the level of council subsidy.

**Section 4. Involvement and consultation** (What involvement and consultation has been done regarding the proposal and what are the results? What consultation will be needed and how will it be done?)

**Section 5. What impact will this proposal have on council budgets? Will it be cost neutral, have increased cost or reduce costs?**

Potential receipt of up to £500,000 grant funding based on £26,315 per site. There are no cost implications for the council.

<b>Section 6. How will this proposal affect people with protected characteristics?</b>	<b>No impact</b>	<b>Make things better</b>	<b>Make things worse</b>	<b>Why will it have this effect? Provide evidence from engagement, consultation and/or service user data or demographic information etc.</b>
Age	✓			
Disability	✓			
Sex	✓			
Race	✓			
Gender reassignment	✓			
Sexual orientation	✓			
Religion or belief	✓			
Pregnancy or maternity	✓			
Marriage or civil partnership	✓			

<b>Section 7. How will this proposal affect people who...</b>	<b>No impact</b>	<b>Make things better</b>	<b>Make things worse</b>	<b>Why will it have this effect? Provide evidence from engagement, consultation and/or service user data or demographic information etc.</b>
...live in a rural area?		✓		Potential grant funding will support the sustainability of swimming pools in North Yorkshire
...have a low income?	✓			
...are carers (unpaid family or friend)?	✓			

..... are from the Armed Forces Community	✓			
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**Section 8. Geographic impact – Please detail where the impact will be (please tick all that apply)**

North Yorkshire wide	✓
Craven district	
Hambleton district	
Harrogate district	
Richmondshire district	
Ryedale district	
Scarborough district	
Selby district	

**If you have ticked one or more districts, will specific town(s)/village(s) be particularly impacted? If so, please specify below.**

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**Section 9. Will the proposal affect anyone more because of a combination of protected characteristics? (for example, older women or young gay men) State what you think the effect may be and why, providing evidence from engagement, consultation and/or service user data or demographic information etc.**

**No**

<b>Section 10. Next steps to address the anticipated impact. Select one of the following options and explain why this has been chosen. (Remember: we have an anticipatory duty to make reasonable adjustments so that disabled people can access services and work for us)</b>	<b>Tick option chosen</b>
<b>1. No adverse impact - no major change is needed to the proposal.</b> There is no potential for discrimination or adverse impact identified.	✓
<b>2. Adverse impact - adjust the proposal -</b> The EIA identifies potential problems or missed opportunities. We will change our proposal to reduce or remove these	

adverse impacts, or we will achieve our aim in another way which will not make things worse for people.	
<b>3. Adverse impact - continue the proposal</b> - The EIA identifies potential problems or missed opportunities. We cannot change our proposal to reduce or remove these adverse impacts, nor can we achieve our aim in another way which will not make things worse for people. (There must be compelling reasons for continuing with proposals which will have the most adverse impacts. Get advice from Legal Services)	
<b>4. Actual or potential unlawful discrimination - stop and remove the proposal –</b> The EIA identifies actual or potential unlawful discrimination. It must be stopped.	
<b>Explanation of why the option has been chosen</b> (include any advice given by Legal Services.) The proposal is to secure grant funding to support the sustainability of swimming pools across North Yorkshire. All swimming pools that are registered with Sport England have been contacted and those interested are in the process of preparing their application.	

**Section 11. If the proposal is to be implemented how will you find out how it is really affecting people?** (How will you monitor and review the changes?)

The continued operating of swimming pools in North Yorkshire.

**Section 12. Action plan.** List any actions you need to take which have been identified in this EIA, including post implementation review to find out how the outcomes have been achieved in practice and what impacts there have actually been on people with protected characteristics.

Action	Lead	By when	Progress	Monitoring arrangements

**Section 13. Summary** Summarise the findings of your EIA, including impacts, recommendation in relation to addressing impacts, including any legal advice, and next steps. This summary should be used as part of the report to the decision maker.

There is no equality impact in this proposal.

**Section 14. Sign off section**

This full EIA was completed by:

**Name: David Ashbridge**

**Job title: Leisure Operations Service Manager**

**Directorate: Community Development**

**Signature:**



**Completion date: 31/07/23**

**Authorised by Jo Ireland, Assistant Director, Culture, Leisure, Archives & Libraries**

**Date: 1 August 2023**



## Climate change impact assessment

The purpose of this assessment is to help us understand the likely impacts of our decisions on the environment of North Yorkshire and on our aspiration to achieve net carbon neutrality by 2030, or as close to that date as possible. The intention is to mitigate negative effects and identify projects which will have positive effects.

This document should be completed in consultation with the supporting guidance. The final document will be published as part of the decision making process and should be written in Plain English.

If you have any additional queries which are not covered by the guidance please email [climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk)

### Version 2: amended 11 August 2021

**Please note: You may not need to undertake this assessment if your proposal will be subject to any of the following:**

Planning Permission  
Environmental Impact Assessment  
Strategic Environmental Assessment

However, you will still need to summarise your findings in the summary section of the form below.

Please contact [climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk) for advice.

<b>Title of proposal</b>	<b>Sport England Swimming Pool Support Fund</b>
<b>Brief description of proposal</b>	Sport England have designed a grant scheme to support swimming pools that continue to be affected by significant rises in utility costs and swimming pool chemical costs. In phase 1 of the scheme, £20million is available to support swimming pools that are at risk of closure or have had to significantly reduce their service provision. Phase 1 of the scheme is now open and the application submission window is 4th -11th August, funding will be awarded between £10,000 - £500,000 as a whole (per authority) and decisions will be confirmed in September 2023.
<b>Directorate</b>	<b>Community Development</b>
<b>Service area</b>	<b>Culture, Leisure, Archives and Libraries</b>
<b>Lead officer</b>	<b>David Ashbridge</b>

<b>Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment</b>	<b>Jo Ireland, Assistant Director – Culture, Leisure, Archives and Libraries</b>
<b>Date impact assessment started</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>

**Options appraisal**

Were any other options considered in trying to achieve the aim of this project? If so, please give brief details and explain why alternative options were not progressed.

No, this is a 'one off' scheme.

**What impact will this proposal have on council budgets? Will it be cost neutral, have increased cost or reduce costs?**

Potential receipt of up to £500,000 grant funding based on £26,315 per site. There are no cost implications for the council.



<p>How will this proposal impact on the environment?</p> <p>N.B. There may be short term negative impact and longer term positive impact. Please include all potential impacts over the lifetime of a project and provide an explanation.</p>	<b>Positive impact</b> (Place a X in the box below where relevant)	<b>No impact</b> (Place a X in the box below where relevant)	<b>Negative impact</b> (Place a X in the box below where relevant)	<p>Explain why will it have this effect and over what timescale?</p> <p>Where possible/relevant please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes over and above business as usual</li> <li>• Evidence or measurement of effect</li> <li>• Figures for CO<sub>2</sub>e</li> <li>• Links to relevant documents</li> </ul>	<p>Explain how you plan to mitigate any negative impacts.</p>	<p>Explain how you plan to improve any positive outcomes as far as possible.</p>
<p>Minimise <b>greenhouse gas emissions</b> e.g. reducing emissions from travel, increasing energy efficiencies etc.</p>	Emissions from travel	x				
	Emissions from construction	x				
	Emissions from running of buildings	x				
	Emissions from data storage	x				
	Other	x				
<p>Minimise <b>waste</b>: Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost e.g. reducing use of single use plastic</p>		x				
<p>Reduce <b>water</b> consumption</p>		x				

<p>How will this proposal impact on the environment?</p> <p>N.B. There may be short term negative impact and longer term positive impact. Please include all potential impacts over the lifetime of a project and provide an explanation.</p>	<p><b>Positive impact</b> (Place a X in the box below where relevant)</p>	<p><b>No impact</b> (Place a X in the box below where relevant)</p>	<p><b>Negative impact</b> (Place a X in the box below where relevant)</p>	<p>Explain why will it have this effect and over what timescale?</p> <p>Where possible/relevant please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes over and above business as usual</li> <li>• Evidence or measurement of effect</li> <li>• Figures for CO<sub>2</sub>e</li> <li>• Links to relevant documents</li> </ul>	<p>Explain how you plan to mitigate any negative impacts.</p>	<p>Explain how you plan to improve any positive outcomes as far as possible.</p>
Minimise <b>pollution</b> (including air, land, water, light and noise)		x				
Ensure <b>resilience</b> to the effects of climate change e.g. reducing flood risk, mitigating effects of drier, hotter summers		x				
Enhance <b>conservation</b> and wildlife		x				
Safeguard the distinctive characteristics, features and special qualities of <b>North Yorkshire's landscape</b>		x				
Other (please state below)		x				

**Are there any recognised good practice environmental standards in relation to this proposal?** If so, please detail how this proposal meets those standards.


None.

**Summary** Summarise the findings of your impact assessment, including impacts, the recommendation in relation to addressing impacts, including any legal advice, and next steps. This summary should be used as part of the report to the decision maker.

There is no climate change impact in this proposal.

**Sign off section**

This climate change impact assessment was completed by:

<b>Name</b>	David Ashbridge
<b>Job title</b>	Service Manager – Leisure Operations
<b>Service area</b>	Culture, Leisure, Archives and Libraries
<b>Directorate</b>	Community Development
<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Completion date</b>	31.07.23

**Authorised by Jo Ireland, Assistant Director, Culture, Leisure, Archives & Libraries**  
**Date: 1 August 2023**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jo Ireland', is positioned below the printed text.

**Date: 1 August 2023**