North Yorkshire Council

Executive Member Meeting

11th October 2023

Sport England Swimming Pool Support Fund

Report of the Corporate Director Nic Harne.

3.1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

3.1 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 Phase #2 of this scheme is designed to support investment into energy saving systems for swimming pools. The £40million capital programme is available to all public swimming pools in the UK and funding will be awarded between £20,000-£1,000,000 per council area.
- 2.2 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 application process requires detailed technical building and plant information for each swimming pool and there is stringent criteria guidance that may preclude some swimming pools, the eligibility of each North Yorkshire owned swimming pool is currently being assessed.
- 2.3 It is proposed that an application is submitted for eligible North Yorkshire owned swimming pools and community/charity partner swimming pools before the 17th October 2023 application submission deadline.
- 2.4 Further details about the scheme, can be seen following the link below: https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/swimming-pool-support-fund

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:

LEISURE CENTRE	OPERATOR
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
HELMSLEY OPEN AIR SWIMMING POOL	Helmsley Open Air Swimming Pool Charity

- 3.2 It is proposed that an application is submitted for eligible North Yorkshire owned swimming pools and community/charity partner swimming pools, a copy 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 £1,000,000 per Council area, therefore, the funding request per site is yet to be determined, whilst feasibility work is being carried out, however, we anticipate that the overall value of the application will reach the maximum £1,000,000. 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:
 - Age and condition of swimming pool plant and equipment
 - Financial impact scale of potential savings
 - 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.

6.2 The council's property team will need involvement in any council owned swimming pools that are awarded funding, in terms of design and installation. Depending on the value of any awarded funds, finance and procurement may required to provide support.

7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Potential receipt of up to £1,000,000 grant funding, individual swimming pool funding requests are yet to be determined.
- 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 See Annex C – Climate Change Impact Assessment. Depending on the funding award, many of the potential energy saving interventions included in the scheme provide a carbon saving.

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 #2 for swimming pools across North Yorkshire.

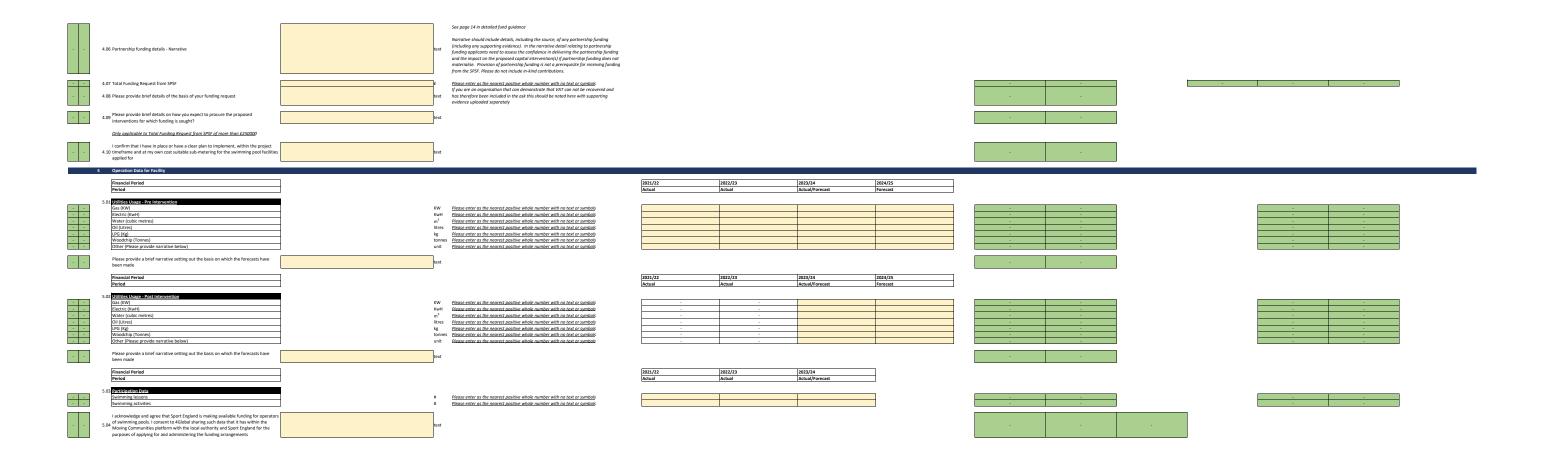
Nic Harne Corporate Director – Community Development County Hall Northallerton

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Report Author – David Ashbridge, Head of Sport and Active Wellbeing (Operations)
Presenter of Report – David Ashbridge/Jo Ireland, Assistant Director of Culture, Leisure, Archives and Libraries

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







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

(form updated June 2023)

Sport England Swimming Pool Support Fund #2

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如欲索取以另一語文印製或另一格式製作的資料,請與我們聯絡。

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?	21st September 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.)

Phase #2 of this scheme is designed to support investment into energy saving systems for swimming pools. The £40million capital programme is available to all public swimming pools in the UK and funding will be awarded between £20,000-£1,000,000 per council area.

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. The application process requires detailed technical building and plant information for each swimming pool and there is stringent criteria guidance that may preclude some swimming pools, the eligibility of each North Yorkshire owned swimming pool is currently being assessed.

It is proposed that an application is submitted for eligible North Yorkshire owned swimming pools and community/charity partner swimming pools before the 17th October 2023 application submission deadline.

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.

regarding the proposal and what are the results? What consultation will be needed and how will it be done?)	
N/A	

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 £1,000,000 grant funding. There are no cost implications for the council.

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

Section 7. How will this proposal affect people who	No impact	Make things better	Make things worse	Why will it have this effect? Provide evidence from engagement, consultation and/or service user data or demographic information etc.				
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)?	√												
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Section 10. Next steps to address the anticipated impact. Select one of the

services and work for us)

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

1.	No adverse impact - no major change is needed to the proposal. There is no potential for discrimination or adverse impact identified.	√
2.	Adverse impact - adjust the proposal - 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.	
3.	Adverse impact - continue the proposal - 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)	
4.	Actual or potential unlawful discrimination - stop and remove the proposal – The EIA identifies actual or potential unlawful discrimination. It must be stopped.	
The No	planation of why the option has been chosen (include any advice given by Legal S e proposal is to secure grant funding to support the sustainability of swimming pools a rth Yorkshire. All swimming pools that are registered with Sport England have been cold those interested are in the process of preparing their application.	cross

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 | Monitoring

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: Head of Sport and Active Wellbeing (Operations)

Directorate: Community Development

Signature:

Completion date: 29/09/23

Authorised by relevant Assistant Director (signature):

Date: 02/10/23

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

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 for advice.

Title of proposal	Sport England Swimming Pool Support Fund
Brief description of proposal	Sport England Swimming Pool Support Fund (phase 2) is designed to support investment into energy saving systems for swimming pools. The £40million capital programme is available to all public swimming pools in the UK and funding will be awarded between £20,000-£1,000,000 per council area. The scheme is now open and the application submission window is 2 nd October -17th October, funding will be awarded between £20,000 - £1,000,000 as a whole (per authority) and decisions will be confirmed in December 2023.
Directorate	Community Development
Service area	Culture, Leisure, Archives and Libraries
Lead officer	David Ashbridge

Names and roles of other people involved in	Jo Ireland, Assistant Director – Culture, Leisure, Archives and Libraries
carrying out the impact assessment	
Date impact assessment started	29 th September 2023

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 £1,000,000 grant funding. There are no cost implications for the council.

How will this proposal impact on the environment? 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.			No impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)	Negative impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)	Explain why will it have this effect and over what timescale? Where possible/relevant please include: • Changes over and above business as usual • Evidence or measurement of effect • Figures for CO ₂ e • Links to relevant documents	Explain how you plan to mitigate any negative impacts.	Explain how you plan to improve any positive outcomes as far as possible.
Minimise greenhouse gas emissions e.g.	Emissions from travel		х				
reducing emissions from travel, increasing energy efficiencies etc.	Emissions from construction		х				
	Emissions from running of buildings	X			Depending on the funding award, many of the energy saving interventions included in the scheme provide a carbon saving.		New energy efficient plant and equipment.
	Emissions from data storage		х				
	Other		X				
Minimise waste: Reduce	e, reuse,		х				
recycle and compost e.g. reducing use of single use plastic							
Reduce water consumption					Depending on the funding award, many of the energy saving interventions included in the scheme provide a water saving.		New energy efficient plant and equipment.

How will this proposal impact on the environment? 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.	Positive impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)	No impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)	Negative impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)	Explain why will it have this effect and over what timescale? Where possible/relevant please include: • Changes over and above business as usual • Evidence or measurement of effect • Figures for CO ₂ e • Links to relevant documents	Explain how you plan to mitigate any negative impacts.	Explain how you plan to improve any positive outcomes as far as possible.
Minimise pollution (including air, land, water, light and noise)		X				
Ensure resilience to the effects of climate change e.g. reducing flood risk, mitigating effects of drier, hotter summers		x				
Enhance conservation and wildlife		Х				
Safeguard the distinctive characteristics, features and special qualities of North Yorkshire's landscape		X				
Other (please state below)		Х				

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

Depending on the funding award, many of the energy saving interventions in the scheme provide a carbon saving, including:

- Photo Voltaic (PV) panels
- Pool Covers
- LED Lighting
- Combined heat and power (CHP) system;
- Replace gas boilers > 20 years old with new
- Install additional metering and monitoring software
- Upgrade pool hall windows to triple glazing
- Heat recovery to air handling units
- Variable speed pumps
- Variable speed fans
- Variable speed filtration
- Plant room insulation
- Shower flow restrictors
- Thermostatic radiator valves
- Power factor correction
- Micro-filtration

Sign off section

This climate change impact assessment was completed by:

Name	David Ashbridge	
Job title	Service Manager – Leisure Operations	
Service area	Culture, Leisure, Archives and Libraries	
Directorate	Community Development	
Signature		
Completion date	29.09.23	

Authorised by relevant Assistant Director (signature):

Date:02/10/23