

North Yorkshire Council

Executive Member for Culture, Arts & Housing

10 April 2024

Sport England Swimming Pool Support Fund – Phase 2

Report of the Corporate Director (Community Development)

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To recommend that the Executive Member for Culture, Arts and Housing following consultation with the Assistant Director Resources and Executive Member for Finance authorises the acceptance of the grant offer of £288,186 for Sport England’s Swimming Pool Support Fund for swimming pools across North Yorkshire.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Phase #2 of the Fund was designed to support investment into energy saving systems for swimming pools. A £40million capital programme was available to all public swimming pools in the UK and funding was 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 required both Council and Community/Charity owned swimming pools to form a collective application for each Council area. The application process required detailed technical building and plant information for each swimming pool following stringent criteria guidance.
- 2.3 An application was submitted for eligible North Yorkshire owned swimming pools and community/charity partner swimming pools.

3.0 OUTCOME

- 3.1 The funding scheme was significantly over-subscribed with 700 swimming pools applying for funding throughout England. x4 swimming pools in North Yorkshire were awarded funding, totalling £288,186, see below:

Facility Name	Intervention	Total capital grant amount
TADCASTER COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL	Pool Covers £50,000 Metering & Monitoring £11,000	£61,000
SELBY LEISURE CENTRE	Photo Voltaic (PV) panels £161,275	£161,275
INGLETON OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL	Photo Voltaic (PV) panels £25,000 Pool Covers £19,911	£44,911
SETTLE SWIMMING POOL	Photo Voltaic (PV) panels £21,000	£21,000

- 3.2 Selby Leisure Centre is the only NYC owned swimming pool to receive funding, the other x3 swimming pools are community swimming pools that are managed independently.

4.0 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN AND RESPONSES

4.1 Selby Leisure Centre is owned by North Yorkshire Council and is currently managed by Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles (IHL). The Sport and Active Wellbeing Service will work with Property and IHL to plan delivery of the project. The other community/charity swimming pools have been notified of their grant award and each are happy to accept the funding.

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 Delivery of these energy saving interventions 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 be required to support the project at Selby Leisure Centre, finance and procurement will also be required. The community swimming pools will manage their projects independently.

7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Proposed receipt of £288,186 grant funding, to fund works at 4 sites. Arrangements will need to be made to distribute the relevant funding to each community swimming pool operator.

7.2 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 NYC are required to enter into a Capital Grant Agreement this Agreement has been reviewed by Legal Services. Any expenditure of the Selby Leisure Centre grant will be in accordance with the Council's Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Equality Impact Assessment was carried out as part of the application process, no implications were identified, see Appendix A.

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Climate Change Impact Assessment was carried out as part of the application process, the energy saving interventions included in the scheme provide a carbon saving, see Appendix B.

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

- 12.1 The Executive Member for Culture, Arts and Housing following consultation with the Assistant Director Resources and the Executive Member for Finance authorises the acceptance of the grant offer of £288,186 for Sport England's Swimming Pool Support Fund for swimming pools across North Yorkshire.

APPENDICIES

Appendix A Equality Impact Assessment

Appendix B Climate Change Impact Assessment

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Corporate Director of Community Development
County Hall
Northallerton

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

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。

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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?	21 st 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.

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?)

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)?	✓			
..... are from the Armed Forces Community	✓			

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	

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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.	

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

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)	Tick option chosen
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.	
Explanation of why the option has been chosen (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: 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

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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 -17 th 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 carrying out the impact assessment	Jo Ireland, Assistant Director – Culture, Leisure, Archives and Libraries
Date impact assessment started	29th 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.

<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>	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)	<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"> • Changes over and above business as usual • Evidence or measurement of effect • Figures for CO₂e • Links to relevant documents 	<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 greenhouse gas emissions 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			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		x				
	Other		x				
<p>Minimise waste: Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost e.g. reducing use of single use plastic</p>		x					

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Reduce water consumption	x			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.
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		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>Positive impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)</p>	<p>No impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)</p>	<p>Negative impact (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"> Changes over and above business as usual Evidence or measurement of effect Figures for CO₂e Links to relevant documents 	<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>Safeguard the distinctive characteristics, features and special qualities of North Yorkshire's landscape</p>		<p>x</p>				
<p>Other (please state below)</p>		<p>x</p>				

<p>Are there any recognised good practice environmental standards in relation to this proposal? If so, please detail how this proposal meets those standards.</p>
<p>None.</p>

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