

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Cllr Richard Samuel, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Resources	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	On or after 21 May 2022	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E 3352
TITLE:	Grant for Cleveland Pools Trust	
WARD:	Bathavon South	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report: None		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This report is for approval of £250k grant contribution towards completion of the project to restore and re-open the open air public swimming baths.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet Member is asked to;

- 2.1 fully approve £250k as allocated from Community Infrastructure Levy in 2022/23 Council Budget Setting for the purpose of financing a contribution towards completion of the project to restore and re-open the open air public swimming baths.

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 Following a request for CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funding, £250K was allocated for Cleveland Pools Trust as part of the 2022/23 budget setting by the Council. It is included as a provisional budget within the approved capital programme for 2022/23.

- 3.1 The Cleveland Pools is the country's only surviving Georgian lido. The project aims to bring this site back into use as a community pool for Summer 2022. The Council owns the property and agreed a 150 year lease with the Trust. Total project costs are currently estimated at over £9m and is supported by National

Heritage Lottery Fund (NHLF) for over £6m and English Heritage for over £500k. The Council previously awarded grants of £350k through decisions E2727, E2972 and E2892 towards the main project and agreed to pay £557k grant received for decarbonisation towards a water source heat pump.

- 3.2 This additional grant funding of £250k is towards completion of the project and payment will be made using a grant agreement.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 CIL funding makes an important contribution to fulfilling the Core Strategy requirement that new development must be properly aligned with infrastructure. It also makes a significant contribution to the Council's Capital Programme. The Strategic CIL allocations for 2022/23 included £250k for Cleveland Pools Trust, which is included as provisional capital in the Capital Programme.

- 4.2 Cleveland Pools is being restored for use by both residents and visitors to Bath.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 5.1 The funding allocation of **£250k** will be financed from Strategic CIL allocation from 2022/23.

- 5.2 This is agreed grant funding towards completion of the project.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance.

- 6.2 Assurance was requested and received from Cleveland Pools Trust that sufficient funding has been raised from sources, including this grant, to complete the build.

- 6.3 An agreed grant process has set up necessary conditions for the financial payment.

7 EQUALITIES

- 7.1 The Cleveland Pools Trust is an equal opportunity employer with an Equal Opportunities Policy.

- 7.2 This report has undergone a public sector equalities impact assessment. No negative impacts were identified.

8 CLIMATE CHANGE

- 8.1 When restored, the Cleveland Pools will be home to the world's first naturally treated, heated, outdoor swimming pool. Travel to the site will be promoted by walking, cycling and public transport.

- 8.2 The project is supporting local businesses as far as possible.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 Not to award a grant for Cleveland Pools Trust. There is a real risk that without this grant there would be a shortfall in funding the project.

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 Consultation has been carried out with the S151 and Monitoring Officers, and the Chief Operating Officer, as well as the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Resources and the Ward Councillors for Bathwick.

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Background papers	None
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