

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Cllr Kevin Guy, Leader of the Council	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	On or after 30 July 2022	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E 3377
TITLE:	Grant for Cleveland Pools Trust	
WARD:	Bathwick	
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>		
<b>List of attachments to this report:</b> None		

### 1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The restoration of Cleveland pools is nearing completion, during the finalisation of the scheme additional costs have been identified, these are attributable to: Higher contractor fees from rising inflation alongside new legislative requirements that have increased construction costs for the access pontoon on the river side of the development.
- 1.2 This report is for approval of £340k grant to support 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 £340k capital grant for the purpose of a contribution towards completion of the project to restore and re-open the Cleveland Pools open air public swimming baths, funded from the Council's corporate capital contingency budget.

### 3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 Cleveland Pools Trust requested additional support towards completion of the project, £340k will be paid to Cleveland Pools Trust, funded by a drawdown from the Corporate Capital Contingency budget.

- 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 freehold land and 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 has previously awarded grants of £600k through decisions E2727, E2972, E2892 and E3352 towards the project and agreed to pay £557k grant received for decarbonisation towards a water source heat pump.
- 3.2 This further grant funding of £340k is towards completion of the final stages of the project and supports the Trust to complete the work to complete the refurbishment and open the pools. Payment will be made using a grant agreement.

#### **4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 All statutory considerations have been met.

#### **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)**

- 5.1 The funding allocation of £340k will be financed by approved corporate borrowing from the 2022/23 capital programme's corporate capital contingency budget. The current level of corporate capital contingency is £5m, which will reduce to £4.660m after this allocation. The Chief Finance Officer has reviewed this request and has agreed that the remaining level of contingency remains sufficient to manage future capital programme risks during 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 an outdoor swimming pool heated from a water source heat pump. 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 the support from this grant there would be a shortfall in funding the project leaving the pools unopened.

## 10 CONSULTATION

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

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<b>Background papers</b>	None
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