

**CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL
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CHALFONT LEISURE CENTRE – ENERGY EFFICIENCY LIGHTING WORKS

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RECOMMENDATIONS

To approve the provision of £15K from the current approved Leisure Capital programme to enable the energy improvement to the lighting system at Chalfont Leisure Centre.

Relationship to Council Objectives

Promote Sustainability

- *Promote energy efficiency and encourage the reduction of carbon emissions*

Implications

- This report is on the Forward Plan*
- Within the Policy & Budgetary Framework*

Financial Implications

The £15k contribution to enable the energy improvements to the lighting system at Chalfont Leisure Centre can be delivered through savings within the current approved Leisure Capital programme

Risk Implications

The project enables continued energy efficiency improvements to be delivered, assisting the Council in achieving its reduction in carbon emissions targets and commitments. Energy efficiency improvements reduce the operating costs and support the long term profitability of the centre, which is subsequently reinvested in improved leisure centre facilities

Equalities Implications

None

Sustainability Implications

Installation of the new lighting system offers a payback period of 5-6 years ensuring the leisure centre facility would have a fit for purpose lighting system in place at the end of the existing leisure contract in 2020.

Report

- 1 Chiltern leisure centres account for 70% of the Council's total energy usage. As a community leader and strong advocate of reducing energy usage it is important that the Council demonstrates its commitment to this cause with positive examples of good practice.
- 2 Through Chiltern's Leisure Advisory Board both Chiltern District Council and Greenwich Leisure Limited have made a strong on-going commitment to reduce carbon emissions and improve energy efficiency across all the district's leisure centre facilities.
- 3 Progress in this area is monitored and presented to the Board on a quarterly basis forming an important area in evaluating the overall level of performance of the leisure contract. To support this commitment Greenwich Leisure Limited in partnership with the Council has invested significantly in a range of energy efficiency measures including new lighting, pool covers and improved pool plant pumps and boilers as well improving operational procedures and practices .
- 4 To further improve energy efficiency GLL is planning to upgrade the lighting system at Chalfont Leisure Centre. The total cost of the programme is £40,000 and the Council has been requested to contribute £15,000 towards the project.
- 5 Whilst not a contractual arrangement for the Council to invest in the lighting the benefits to the Council from supporting such investment would be:
 - a. to enable continued energy efficiency improvements to the centre,
 - b. reducing carbon emissions assist the Council in meeting its targets and commitments.
 - c. Improves the long term profitability of the centre which is subsequently reinvested in the leisure centre facilities.

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- 6 The Community Health and Housing PAG supported the proposal to upgrade the lighting and that £15,000 is met from the underspend within the current approved Leisure Capital programme.

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