

SUBJECT:	Capital Expenditure at the Beacon Centre
REPORT OF:	Healthy Communities Portfolio Holder
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1. Purpose of Report

To consider the proposal to replace or repair the lift at the Beacon Centre.

RECOMMENDATION

The advice of the PAG is sought on whether the Portfolio Holder should request the Cabinet (via the Resources PAG) to allocate £30k - £35k from the Capital Budget to replace the Beacon Centre lift

2. Executive Summary

N/A

3. Reasons for Recommendations

- To enable access by all persons to the gym
- By replacing the lift with modern equipment it will be compliant with the proposed new lift operating standards due in 2017

4. Content of Report

Under the terms of the leisure contract with Greenwich Leisure Limited the contractor is responsible for repairs and maintenance of equipment with the replacement of structural items and plant being the responsibility of the Council.

GLL has advised the Council that the lift at the Beacon Centre is currently uninsurable as result of its age and condition and is currently out of service. The lift has been out of use for the majority of the period over the last year with GLL finding replacement parts difficult to access. The lift has been repaired twice in recent months, following which it has become stuck between floors necessitating emergency call outs.

GLL lift engineers advised in April that repairs in excess of £20k would be required to the lift. Assessment by the Councils specialist contractor has identified that following these repairs the lift would require further upgrades to meet future requirements including Disability Access requirements. The estimated cost of repairs including upgrade to the lift is £30k. Alternatively the council's contractors have advised that a

new lift meeting the proposed standards could be installed at an estimated cost of £35k.

Whilst the centre is provided with stairs enabling customers to access the gym the lift provides disability access for access users should it be required. A replacement lift would be compliant with the needs of disabled users.

5. Consultation

Not Applicable

6. Options

1. Repair and upgrade the existing lift at an estimated cost of £30k
2. Replace the current lift at an estimated costs of £35k.

7. Corporate Implications

Finance

The council is responsible for the replacement/repair of the lift and would be required to allocate £30k - £35k from the Capital Budget.

Legal

The Council is required to meet disability access when circumstances allow such as at the point of making significant repairs or replacing lift.

8. Links to Council Policy Objectives

Links to Council Aims of Delivering Cost Effective Customer Focussed Service and Working towards Safer and Healthier Local Communities.

9. Next Step

Arrangements will be made to repair or replace the lift depending on the option chosen by the Cabinet and the funds allocated.

Background Papers:	None
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