

Report to: LED Monitoring Forum



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## Capital bids summary on properties occupied by LED

### Report summary:

This report summarises the capital bids that were proposed for consideration by the Budget Setting and Capital Bid Allocation Panel, the Panel's recommendations and the rationale for its recommendations.

Some capital bids were not approved and a recommendation was made that these be referred to the LED Monitoring Forum for further consideration.

One of the three referred capital bids has already been considered and recommended by Cabinet and two are still to be furthered considered for funding by this Forum.

### Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes  No

Policy Framework Yes  No

### Recommendation:

That the Forum

- a) Notes the capital bids approved and recommended to Council.
- b) Considers the proposals referred by the Budget Setting and Capital Bid Allocation Panel and recommends whether the projects should be funded.
- c) Notes that the proposal for the light refurbishment of changing rooms at Sidmouth Swimming Pool has already been recommended for funding from the approved National Leisure Recovery Fund by Cabinet. LED have now commenced these works.

### Reason for recommendation:

To ensure Members of the Forum understand the rationale for the capital bids that were approved by the Budget Setting and Capital Bid Allocation Panel and provide a recommendation on whether the additional 1 no. bid should be supported.

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Climate Action and Emergency Response  
 Coast, Country and Environment

- Council and Corporate Co-ordination
- Democracy, Transparency and Communications
- Economy and Assets
- Finance
- Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities
- Tourism, Sports, Leisure and Culture

**Equalities impact** Low Impact

**Climate change** Low Impact

**Risk:** Low Risk

**Links to background information** [Appendix A](#); [Appendix B](#)

**Link to [Council Plan](#)**

Priorities (check which apply)

- Better homes and communities for all
- A greener East Devon
- A resilient economy

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## Report in full

- 1.1 The Budget Setting and Capital Bid Allocation Panel met on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 to consider capital bid proposals to recommend to Council for funding.
- 1.2 12 no. LED related capital bids with a total estimated value of £3.1M were proposed for consideration. 7 no. proposals were fully recommended for funding, 2 were partially recommended and 3 were referred to the LED Monitoring Forum for further consideration (one being the Sidmouth pool changing rooms refurbishment).
- 1.3 The total value of works to be recommended for approval by the Council is approximately £2.2M.  
  
Each proposal was priority rated as following:
  1. Health and Safety (Health and safety and statutory issues)
  2. Urgent Condition (Condition issues that may lead to closure of facility)
  3. Condition (Condition issues that may lead to considerable disruption)
  4. Improvements (Improvement works, not condition related)
  5. Climate Change (Improvement works with energy saving potential)
- 1.4 Where proposals addressed more than one priority, the main priority was listed first followed by the lesser one/s.
- 1.5 Other considerations which influenced the debate were as follows:
  - Estimated external contributions
  - Estimated revenue savings and beneficiary of savings
  - Leisure Strategy Review
- 1.6 Officers and the Panel were acutely aware of not only the scale of the bids relating to buildings occupied by LED, but also the Leisure Strategy Review. The works that were recommended for approval related to those that were either:

- a) Health & Safety
- b) Urgent Condition
- c) Climate change – one bid that was recommended for approval only in part.

- 1.7 Those bids that related to Condition or Improvements were referred to the Forum as following:
- Refurbishment of catering areas at Exmouth Pavilion. LED and EDDC Officers have subsequently agreed not to proceed at this time with this proposal but to review at a later date.
  - Installation of pool water treatment energy management systems at the three LED managed swimming pool sites.
  - Light refurbishment of changing rooms at Sidmouth Swimming Pool (now already approved through Cabinet).
- 1.8 Due to the urgency expressed by LED in respect to the light refurbishment of changing rooms at Sidmouth Swimming Pool, a report was submitted to Cabinet on 02/02/2022 and a recommendation given for Officers to use £40K of the approved National Leisure Recovery Fund to fund the work.
- 1.9 Members of the Forum are invited to consider the proposal for the installation of pool energy management systems at the three LED managed swimming pool sites in the context of the ever increasing utility costs, the considerable energy / CO2 savings it is estimated to provide, the Council's "A greener East Devon" priority, its wider Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan and its Carbon Reduction Budget, still to be fully committed.
- 1.10 The detail needed for reaching a recommendation is contained within appendices B and will be further elaborated on by Officers and LED.
- 1.11 As background papers, you will see
- Appendix A - List of LED related capital bids including details, priority rating and whether or not approved in full, in part or referred to the LED Forum.
  - Appendix B. Initial Project Proposal Document for the installation of pool water treatment energy management systems at the three LED managed swimming pool sites – Rejected by the Panel.
- 1.12 Please note that in Appendix B, Initial Project Proposal Document for the installation of pool water treatment energy management systems at the three LED managed swimming pool sites, a £25K 'shared use' contribution was originally estimated. This was an error, no external contribution is expected for this proposal.

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### **Financial implications:**

If members consider the Swimming Pool Management System should be included in the capital programme this will need a request to Cabinet and Council for a capital budget in 2022/23 of £62,500.

### **Legal implications:**

There are no legal implications requiring comment at this time.