

NOTICE

In accordance with paragraph 13.11 of the Council's Constitution, the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chief Executive is satisfied that a matter of urgency has arisen in connection with the work of the Cabinet and requires a decision before the next regular meeting of Cabinet. In such circumstances the Leader of the Council is authorised to take the Key Decision.

SPECIAL URGENCY PROVISION NOTICE

The Government's Swimming Pool Support Fund (SPSF) provides a total of £60 million to local authorities in England as a support package for public leisure facilities with swimming pools and is split into two phases.

The bidding window for this Sport England grant was incredibly short, effectively a 3 week turnaround to identify, prepare and submit bids based on proposals for the Council's leisure centres. The Council engaged with a range of partners in the preparation of a bid that aligned to the Sports England Grant criteria.

Sports England has confirmed in a grant offer to the Council in the cum of £375,350, for the installation of LED lighting, solar carpark canopy, and roof top solar panels at the Witham Leisure Centre.

The timing of the outcome of the bid did not allow for inclusion within the MTFS bidding process for capital funds. The solar carpark canopy element of the grant offer is dependent on a capital contribution from the Council.

In accordance with paragraph 15.17 (Special Urgency relating to key Decisions), the Chairman of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee, having considered the matter, is in agreement that the taking of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

Accordingly, Notice is given that, in accordance with the Council's Constitution, Councillor Graham Butland, Leader of the Council, will be taking the Key Decision.

A report will be taken to the next available meeting of Council, namely 10th June 2024, setting out the particulars of the decisions taken, and a summary of the matters in respect of that decision.



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