

ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL: OFFICER DECISION RECORD

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1. Title / Subject Matter: Leisure Operating Contract – Covid-19 additional support

This Officer Decision Record relates to finances to continue school swimming during the second wave of lockdown and payment for an additional member of staff to be at Hucknall Leisure Centre during the installation of the new fire alarm system.

2. Decision Reference No:

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3. Decision Taken:

Ashfield District Council has considered the request by SLM to support:

- The Nottinghamshire County Council School Swimming programme to continue as per the Government guidelines during the second wave of lockdown at Lammas and Hucknall Leisure Centre
- The funding of a full-time member of staff to be present at Hucknall Leisure Centre to enable the Fire Alarm Installation works to be carried out during lockdown to minimise disruption to customers.

The council has taken the decision to support both requests.

4. Reasons for the Decision:

SLM are a key provider of services on behalf of the Council. The management of the leisure centres is a key way of achieving the Council's ongoing commitments to health & wellbeing.

The provision of school swimming during lockdown will support the delivery of a national curriculum activity, developing a life skill in primary school aged children as well as providing a safe activity that will benefit young people's physical and mental

wellbeing during lockdown. Government has indicated this is a permitted activity during lockdown, as it is part of the curriculum and children remain in bubbles, not mixing with others.

School swimming has been successfully delivered since September 2020 with Covid secure processes and procedures in place. The service has been complimented by many schools.

A member staff is required at Hucknall Leisure Centre by the contractor who has been procured to install a new fire alarm system. The contractor is able to complete a large proportion of the works during the second wave of lockdown, reducing the disruption to customers and reducing the need for working through the night. A programme of works has been developed, which will ensure work in public areas will be completed during lockdown.

5. Alternative Options Considered / Rejected:

Do Nothing: The Council considered this approach, however this would lead to children missing out on development of a crucial life skill and curriculum activity.

Carry on with current timetable: The council considered this approach, but felt that optimising the chance to complete the majority of works, whilst the centre was shut, would reduce disruption to services and risk to customers.

6. Implications

Legal:

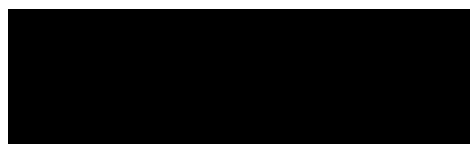
The recommendations are consistent with the second lockdown regulations and guidance and COVID safe guidance.

Financial: Costs to be met from the Joint Use Maintenance Reserve.

Name / Title of the officer taking the Decision:

Use your own name and title. Do not 'pp' for a more senior officer who has asked you to take the decision.

Theresa Hodgkinson, Director of Place and Communities



Date: 12.11.2020

Name / Title of the relevant Lead Cabinet Member consulted (if appropriate)

(This decision is not subject to call-in and is circulated for information only). **If a Cabinet Member has a conflict of interest relating to this decision, then this should be declared and a request for dispensation will be considered.**