

REPORT OF Finance Manager and S.151 Officer

To: Internal Scrutiny Committee

Subject: QBR 4

Date: 21 June 2021

Reference:

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

For Members to recommend to C&R that 2020/21 surplus be set aside to a leisure reserve

1. INTRODUCTION

The Internal Scrutiny Committee monitors the Council performance each quarter via the QBR

2. REPORT

The draft surplus for the financial year 2020/21 as detailed within the QBR 4 outturn report is £964k. At the time of writing this report the Council is awaiting information from the Devon Business Rate Pool regarding how much the Council will pay into and receive back from the Pool. Consequently the draft surplus could move.

The Council has identified a substantial backlog of maintenance within the Council's leisure facilities, estimated in the region of £750k.

Furthermore with the end of the current outsourced leisure contract in March 2022, the Council will incur significant mobilisation costs should it decide to

- Run leisure via a wholly owned local authority company or
- Bring the operation of leisure in-house.

Consequently it is proposed to set aside the whole of the 2020/21 surplus to a dedicated leisure reserve in anticipation of these significant costs.

3. IMPLICATIONS

Legal Implications

No specific legal implications

Financial Implications

As outlined in the report

Human Resources Implications

None

Sustainability/Biodiversity Implications

None

Equality/Diversity

Not applicable



Risk Management

Not applicable

Compliance with Policies and Strategies

This report is in compliance with the Council's Constitution

Data Protection (GDPR) Implications

Not applicable

Climate Change

Not applicable

4. CONCLUSIONS

The Internal Scrutiny Committee monitors the Council performance each quarter via the QBR.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members:

1. Receive and note the QBR

2. Recommend to Community and Resources that the 2020/21 surplus of £964k be set aside to a leisure reserve.

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