

## Supporting Information and Impact Assessment

Service / Policy:	Grants to Swim Torquay and Admiral Swimming Pool
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<b>Section 1: Background Information</b>	
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>What is the proposal / issue?</b></p> <p>The proposal is to remove the revenue funding to these swimming pools, and in its place to provide a reserve fund which can be drawn on by both Admiral Swimming pool and Swim Torquay. This would continue to provide access to funding for the pools but would result in a revenue saving for the Council. The pools would be able to use the fund for both capital and revenue funding shortfalls.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>What is the current situation?</b></p> <p>Swim Torquay and Admiral Community Swimming Pools (based in Brixham) both offer swimming facilities to members of the public including schools. These are each currently able to draw down funding from a total amount of £46,900 for capital works to the pools. However, neither facility has drawn down the full amount in recent years.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>What options have been considered?</b></p> <p>All of this budget are discretionary areas of spend for the council.</p> <p>There are a number of alternative options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Retain the level of grant as is;</li> <li>2. Reduce the level of grant funding to a lower amount for each pool;</li> <li>3. Cease the annual grant, but make a one off reserve account available for both facilities to access in event of unexpected items of expenditure;</li> <li>4. Cease all funding for the pools</li> </ol>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>How does this proposal support the ambitions and principles of the Corporate Plan 2015-19?</b></p> <p>Principle - Using limited resources to best effect.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Who will be affected by this proposal and who do you need to consult with?</b></p> <p>This proposal will affect all residents of the Bay, but particularly users of existing facilities and established sports clubs Swim Torquay and Admiral Community Swimming Pools.</p>

<b>6.</b>	<p><b>How will you propose to consult?</b></p> <p>Consultation took place with key stakeholders including Swim Torquay, Admiral Community Swimming Pools and Brixham Town Council.</p> <p>Members of the public and Sports Clubs were given the opportunity to have their say via the Councils budget consultation process – online and paper questionnaires were made available.</p>
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## Section 2: Implications and Impact Assessment

<b>7.</b>	<p><b>What are the financial and legal implications?</b></p> <p>In 2016/17 Admiral Community Swimming Pools drew down £14,000 and Swim Torquay drew down £18,184.</p> <p>The proposed reduction to the Council's revenue budget is £47,000 per annum. However a reserve fund will be established from the Council's comprehensive spending review reserve to the equivalent amount.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>What are the risks?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Risk of not supporting the proposal.</b> The Council will have to find savings from elsewhere in the Council budget, which may put other services at risk.</li> <li>2. <b>Risk of supporting the proposal.</b> Both venues have been encouraged to develop their own future sustainability strategies, however there is a risk of them not being able to afford any largescale capital works if the need arises.</li> </ol>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Public Services Value (Social Value) Act 2012</b></p> <p>N/A</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>What evidence / data / research have you gathered in relation to this proposal?</b></p> <p>None</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>What are key findings from the consultation you have carried out?</b></p> <p><b>To change the way funding is made available to Swim Torquay at Plainmoor Community Swimming Pool and Admiral Swimming Centre in Brixham, by providing a reserve fund that can be drawn on by both organisations.</b></p>

This proposal is expected to save £47,000 in 2018/19.

*The proposed revenue budget for next year would be £0.*

	Do you support this proposal?		Do you feel this proposal will impact on you?	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	222	58.0%	68	17.8%
No	135	35.2%	258	67.4%
No answer	26	6.8%	57	14.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Representations were received from a number of organisations and individuals and a summary of these is shown below:

- Swim Torquay at plainmoor is the only facility to cater for people with a disability, offering sessions which assist with exercise, confidence and mobility.
- Removal of this grant would not appear fair considering funding that other organisations receive.
- The pool provides a valuable service to the general public, 26 schools and pupils and people from the wider population with a disability.
- The pool also provides sessions for seniors, parents with babies.
- Sessions are offered for stroke rehabilitation and other neurological problems.
- Schools rely on the pools for teaching children to swim.
- The funding required to keep the pool operational is small compared to the benefits it provides.
- Swimming is important to people's health and wellbeing but is also an important life skill, considering we are an area surrounded by water. Safety and knowledge in our environment should be at the forefront of the council's future plans.
- The reduction feels like an easy saving.
- The council has had excellent value for money from the pools.

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### **Amendments to Proposal / Mitigating Actions**

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## Equality Impacts

13	Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups			
		Positive Impact	Negative Impact & Mitigating Actions	Neutral Impact
	Older or younger people		Schools across Torbay use the pools to teach their pupils to swim. Any reduction which potentially risks the sustainability of the pools would potentially impact on children and young people being able to access this facility.	
	People with caring Responsibilities	No differential impact		
	People with a disability		Swim Torquay provides a number of sessions, group and one to one for people with disabilities. They provide sessions for stroke rehabilitation and other neurological conditions. Any reduction which potentially risks the sustainability of the pools would potentially impact on people with a disability or those recovering from a stroke or have other neurological conditions being able to access this facility.	
	Women or men	No differential impact		
	People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME) <i>(Please note Gypsies / Roma are within this community)</i>	No differential impact		

	Religion or belief (including lack of belief)	No differential impact		
	People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual	No differential impact		
	People who are transgendered	No differential impact		
	People who are in a marriage or civil partnership	No differential impact		
	Women who are pregnant / on maternity leave	No differential impact		
	Socio-economic impacts (Including impact on child poverty issues and deprivation)	No differential impact		
	Public Health impacts (How will your proposal impact on the general health of the population of Torbay)		Should the future sustainability of each venue be at risk this may have an effect on the health of user groups.	
<b>14</b>	<b>Cumulative Impacts – Council wide</b> (proposed changes elsewhere which might worsen the impacts identified above)	N/A		
<b>15</b>	<b>Cumulative Impacts – Other public services</b> (proposed changes elsewhere which might worsen the impacts identified above)	The availability and sustainability of other pools such as Torbay Leisure Centre pool will have an impact on usage of these venues.		