



EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISION

REPORT OF:	Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention & Wellbeing
LEAD OFFICERS:	Strategic Director of Environment & Operations
DATE:	Thursday, 7 September 2023

PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED:	Environment & Operations
WARD/S AFFECTED:	(All Wards);
KEY DECISION:	Y

SUBJECT: Longer-term position and future use of Daisyfield Pools

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2015/16, in the face of continuing and severe cuts in funding from central government, the Council undertook a public consultation including public meetings and customer surveys to discuss options for the future operational management of Daisyfield Pools.

During the consultation process, 'Half Fish' a local organisation informed the Council of their interest in managing and operating Daisyfield Pools. As no other interest was declared, the Council reached an agreement with Half Fish to operate Daisyfield Pools on a landlord / tenant basis from 1 September 2016. Half Fish has now independently operated Daisyfield Pools for the past seven years, but despite several attempts at face to face meetings and via correspondence by the Council to formalise the arrangement, Half Fish have declined to sign a licence to occupy and operate the facility.

Recently, the Council has been made aware of a number of health and safety issues relating to positive legionella readings in multiple areas of the building on two occasions following independent water sample analysis. Health and safety concerns have also been raised about the deteriorating condition of the building and the operation of the pool plant. These issues and concerns were raised with the operator and the risks to public safety were clearly highlighted.

As the issues identified could not be remedied immediately, a decision under Officer Delegated Powers was taken and published on 18th August to close Daisyfield Pools with effect from 19th August 2023 on grounds of health and safety to protect public health, pending full consideration and decision by Executive Board 7th September 2023 regarding the longer-term position and future use of Daisyfield Pools. [Officer Decision.Daisyfield Pools \(blackburn.gov.uk\)](https://blackburn.gov.uk/officer-decision-daisyfield-pools)

The Growth & Development Department have been tasked with undertaking an asset review of key Council assets. Daisyfield Pool was highlighted during this review due to the age of the building. Accordingly, Capita were commissioned to produce a detailed conditions report on the site. The

report has been completed and provides a budget estimate in excess of £3.135M plus VAT for the required repairs and maintenance to keep the facility and building operational.

The pool plant is also in poor condition, many pieces of equipment either need to be replaced or refurbished. A quotation for £71,000 has been obtained to undertake refurbishment works and purchase the necessary equipment.

The investment required for the repairs to the pool plant and building, as identified by the condition survey report is entirely separate and not linked to the operational and management issues, which prompted the decision on 18 August 2023 to close Daisyfield Pools.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Board:

- Endorse the Officer Decision of 18 August 2023 to immediately close Daisyfield Swimming Pool, and approve the continuation of the closure based on serious health & safety failures pending the outcome of the consultation referred to in the report.
- Note the conditions survey for Daisyfield Pools which highlights that the building is in a poor state of repair and condition with numerous substantial defects and is at the end of its effective lifecycle and requires significant investment estimated to be in excess of £3.135M plus VAT for the required repairs and maintenance.
- Agrees to terminate the existing arrangement with Half Fish HQ in relation to its occupation and operation at Daisyfield Swimming Pools, and delegate authority to the Deputy Director – Legal & Governance to serve any required notices.
- Agrees for a consultation to be undertaken in relation to the future use of the building and the impact on current users of the facility, and reporting the outcome for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the Executive Board.

3. BACKGROUND

The Council undertook a Leisure review with support from Sport England in 2012/13. The review resulted in the Council investing in leisure facilities for the long term benefit of the borough with £2.5m investment in a new athletic arena and associated leisure facilities at Witton Park, which opened in April 2014 and £8.5m investment in Blackburn Leisure Centre (a joint development with Blackburn College), which cost £13.5m and opened in March 2015. These followed on from the £12.855m investment in Darwen Leisure Centre in 2010.

These three leisure facilities are extremely popular and provide modern state of the art facilities for residents across the Borough. These three leisure facilities attract over half million attendances a year, generating over £3m income for the Council.

Alongside these investments, it was agreed at Council Forum in September 2014 that the portfolio would undertake a further review of Leisure provision across the borough to achieve a budget saving of £731k pa. In 2015/16, as part of the Council's efficiency savings, the portfolio had to consider the future operation of its other leisure facilities which were ageing, expensive to operate and unaffordable in the face of continuing and severe cuts in funding from central government.

Daisyfield Pools was originally constructed and opened in 1906, the building has undergone various alterations over the years the most significant being the changing block extension in the 1960s and

the extensive refurbishment and remodelling in 1996. There are no internal features and barely any external features, which exist in any recognisable sense from the original build in 1905/6, hence the building does not have 'listed' status under planning legislation.

Consultation – Daisyfield Pools

A 28 day public consultation process took place in October 2015 in two formats, using a questionnaire and a public meeting. The consultation questionnaire was available at Daisyfield Pools and on the Council's website. A public meeting took place at Little Harwood Community Centre near to Daisyfield Pools on 22 October 2015; the date and time for the meeting was advertised in the leisure centres, the libraries and on the Council's website.

As part of the consultation process, the Council also advertised the opportunity to manage Daisyfield Pools, at nil cost to the Council, on the NW CHEST.

Following the public consultation meeting, 'Half Fish' a local organisation informed the Council of their interest in managing and operating Daisyfield Pools. Half Fish were already providing a range of aquatic activities, programmes and lessons across Pennine Lancashire and further afield. The manager of Half Fish was employed as Swimming Development Officer for the Council from 2001 to 2005 and had knowledge of the building and the pool programme. Half Fish wished to take on a 'licence to operate' Daisyfield Pools and proposed to create a charitable organisation to operate the centre and provide a pool programme to meet local community needs.

As no other interest was declared via the public meeting and local adverts, the Council reached an agreement with Half Fish to operate Daisyfield Pools on a landlord / tenant basis from 1 September 2016. The Council provided Half Fish with plans of the building, a building conditions survey, financial information relating to income and expenditure and the current pool programme. The Council also provided a three month hand over period with staff on hand to train Half Fish on the operation of the pool plant and the Heating, Ventilation and Air conditioning systems, and the related health & safety requirements.

The arrangement agreed with Half Fish was that they would have the full and free usage of the building and would receive all income generated from pool admissions, but that Half Fish would also be responsible for covering the day to day running costs of the pool. As the Council previously had a cash limited budget of £419,200 for Daisyfield Pools this sum was saved from the portfolio budget.

Half Fish has operated Daisyfield Pools under this arrangement for seven years, but despite several attempts by the Council in face to face meetings and in writing to obtain a signed licence, Half Fish have declined to sign a formal licence to operate the facility. The proposed five year licence included a licence fee of £1.00 per annum payable to the Council, and although there is no signed licence in place, there are implied rights and obligations on both the Council and Half Fish.

Health and Safety concerns - Legionella

In recent months, there has been growing concern about the management of health and safety at Daisyfield Pools.

MSM (TECS Group) attended the Daisyfield Pools on 9th May to undertake the routine water hygiene service visit in accordance with HSG 274 part 2. During the service visit routine water samples were taken for legionella analysis at a UKAS accredited laboratory. The standard length of analysis for legionella is 10 working days from initial filtration, however a high interim result for legionella was

received from the laboratory on Monday 22nd May 2023. The sample received showed the presence of legionella species.

The positive legionella samples were taken from the sink in the seminar room. As the affected sink and also the showers within the facility are supplied from the same water source, it was therefore a concern the showers may also have been affected. The shower outlets and the outlet to the sink were isolated with immediate effect.

MSM (TECS Group) attended the building on the 23rd of June to temporarily reinstate the water supply to undertake localised flushing and disinfection of representative outlets throughout the water system, the samples were taken to a UKAS accredited laboratory for analysis. Following the works, the outlets were taken out of use until a clear result was received. The analysis on 24th June identified that water samples taken from four separate locations in the building had positive legionella counts. The results indicated the contamination was systemic rather than localised.

The Council arranged for a systemic clean and disinfection to be completed by MSM (TECS Group). Following the disinfection works the affected outlets were resampled 48 hours later to ensure that representative conditions were being analysed and the samples were sent to the same UKAS accredited laboratory. The Council issued the operator with a method statement illustrating how they are to carry out flushing of infrequently used outlets. The samples returned with a clear with no presence of bacteria. The Council have arranged for MSM (TECS Group) to undertake monthly UKAS accredited water samples for legionella to ensure the system remains clear.

MSM (TECS Group) is commissioned to test for legionella in all Council owned swimming pools. they have raised concerns that the showers are being taken out of use at Daisyfield Pools to reduce costs, as this greatly increases the risk of legionella proliferating.

The temperature of the cold water outlets throughout the building should be within 2 degrees of the nearest water outlet to the incoming water mains, this is a simple way of ensuring the water is moving through the building. At the site visit in August to test for legionella, the mains water temperature was recorded at 18 degrees, yet the initial temperature of the outlet in the plant room was recorded at 26 degrees. It took the MSM (TECS Group) technician 5 minutes to flush and record a temperature of 19 degrees. This indicates, although the flushing is being undertaken, it isn't being done for sufficient time for the mains water to be pulled through to the outlets. It is evident that water is stored within the pipework and is stagnating, allowing for the proliferation of bacteria including legionella.

Health and Safety concerns - condition of the building and operation of pool plant

On 4th August 2023, Council officers from health and safety and leisure services attended a site visit at Daisyfield Pools because of ongoing health and safety concerns. The officers provided a written report, which highlighted numerous issues with the condition of the building and the operation of the centre that presented a risk to the health and safety of staff and customers at the pool.

The officers' report highlights that there are multiple cracked or missing tiles on the pool floor surround and also cracked tiles on the seating areas. There is a large amount of flaking paint around the main pool area. There are numerous leaks in the roof and when it rains, there is water ingress in the main pool, the changing rooms, the main corridors and storage rooms. Plasterwork is coming off the walls and the red grid suspended ceiling is hanging down in some areas.

There were also concerns about the pool water testing regime along with chemical dosing procedures, unsafe storage of chemicals, a lack of COSHH data sheets and unsafe pool management with some of the pool plant equipment adjudged to be in poor condition.

A large number of risk assessments were in a file, they were created several years ago and were last reviewed in 2022. Some safety data sheets were not available, including those relating to dangerous chemicals such as sulphuric acid. Other assessments were not updated as they referred to old chemicals, which are no longer used at the site.

Based on the officers concerns about unsafe management of pool plant, the Council arranged for Correct Flow, an independent swimming pool and water filtration company to audit the pool plant equipment, the chemicals in use and the general management of the pool plant. Half Fish was given a day's notice of the site visit.

The engineer visited the pool on 8th August 2023 and submitted a 21 page report of their findings to the Council on 9 August 2023, which detailed a list of concerns about the condition of pool plant equipment and the operation of the plant including the following observations:

- The pool tests results taken on the day showed unacceptably low levels of chlorine in the pools which should have prompted swimming to be suspended and the chlorine levels rectified before the pools were re-opened.
- The staff seem to be recording fairly accurate pool water test results but require guidance to interpret the test results, e.g. the small pool was open and in use by the public at the time that the engineer visited the site and there was unacceptably low levels of chlorine in the pool.
- Pool testing equipment used by the centre is in poor condition and unclean, therefore would not provide accurate readings.
- The pump which pumps chlorine into the main pool is leaking chlorine from the pump head, the operator is aware and has at some point shielded the leak with a plastic bag, which has now deteriorated. This is not good practice and will undoubtedly affect the chlorine delivery and is a danger to those entering the pool plant room.
- The pump which delivers Sulphuric Acid to the pools is switched off, this should be automated and left powered up 24/7.
- The pool water flocculation system was switched on, the system draws polyaluminium chloride (PAC) solution directly from the container. The container was full suggesting the barrel had been just changed or the system was in fault. These chemicals are dated as they have a limited shelf life of typically 12 months, the date on the product was recorded at 26/07/2017 meaning the product is six years old.
- The site advised that a backwash of the main pool is carried out every two weeks, the last recorded backwash was 17th July, some 22 days earlier with no backwash planned for the day of the site visit.

In summary, on the day of the site visit, both pools were inadequately disinfected, the chlorine delivery system is in very poor order and causing issues. The operator needs to understand the problem and take the necessary urgent action however, this does not appear to be the case which is a concern for public health. Historical pool water test sheets were reviewed and there are many recorded readings which are out of acceptable range, particularly in the morning and evenings.

As a result of the concerns raised by Correct Flow and the information provided by MSM (TECS Group), the Strategic Director of Environment and Operations published an officer decision on 18th August to close Daisyfield Pools with effect from 19th Council on grounds of health and safety, pending a further report to Executive Board on 7th September 2023 regarding the longer-term position and future use of Daisyfield Pools.

Building Conditions Report

The Growth & Development Department have been tasked with undertaking an asset review of key Council assets. Daisyfield Pool was highlighted during this review due to the age of the building as it was originally constructed in 1905. The operator has been allowed to use the property subject to the licence being agreed, however since occupation the operator has been unwilling or unable to sign a licence, despite numerous requests.

The findings of the initial surveys raised concerns regarding the physical condition of the building, which warranted a more detailed follow on building conditions report. Capita were commissioned to carrying out building inspections of the site, drone observations of the roof and review information, plans and drawings provided by the Council in order to produce a comprehensive conditions report for Daisyfield Pools.

The conditions report sets out the principal observations using the following risk rating:

GREEN - Satisfactory Condition / Performing as Intended, may require ongoing maintenance

AMBER - Poor Condition warranting repairs or replacement

RED - Exhibiting significant defects which severely impacts function and/or poses a significant danger

Key Findings

The following key findings within the Condition report are risk rated **Red**: 'Exhibiting significant defects which severely impacts function and/or poses a significant danger':

- There is potential subsidence at the large swimming pool plant room, requires structural engineer assessment.
- The main pool upper eaves require extensive repairs, possible reconstruction. Potential of roof spread from the slate pitched roof which will necessitate further investigation by structural engineer and associated repairs.
- Slate pitched roof above the main pool is in extremely poor condition with multiple loose or missing slates, displaced ridge tiles and broken skylights. Internally there is evidence of timber cladding to the underside of the roof which has become detached, and safety netting has been provided throughout. A full roof covering replacement is urgently required due to the current risk to users.
- The profile sheet metal roof covering across small pool, offices and facilities is in poor condition with extensive corrosion at end laps and delamination of factory coatings. The sheets are at end of life span and require replacement.
- There is excessive deterioration to the brickwork and pointing along lower half of south facing elevation of the 1960's changing block. Brickwork to be replaced with new masonry.
- There is Carbonation and spalling to reinforced concrete lintels and cills to the 1960's changing block. Replacement required.

- Evidence of exposed reinforcement and previous patch repairs along concrete finlock-style gutters to the perimeter of the 1960's changing block have. Due to the carbonation defects and known issues with finlock type gutters, replacement / removal should be undertaken on health and safety grounds and for longevity.
- The Roof Deck to the supplementary plant room adjacent main pool plant room has exposed steel reinforcement likely caused by chloride attack from room function and insufficient concrete cover, specialist repairs are necessary.
- The Air bricks for the north east office block are obscured by the pedestrian pavement on the eastern elevation and earth on the northern elevation. This will may permit the growth of timber damaging fungus (e.g. dry rot) if condition are appropriate, which can spread to the wider building. New periscope vents are required.
- The external large double doorsets serving the small pool plant room are in a state of decay and disrepair, requiring extensive refurbishment.
- Internal doorsets are scuffed and exhibiting signs of damage with worn ironmongery, and overall warrant replacement.
- Floor coverings throughout are worn and in poor condition with areas posing potential trip / slip hazards. Tiles in pool areas are in dangerous condition with isolated areas broken or cracked with sharp edges, posing immediate hazard to users and should be replaced.
- An external retaining wall adjacent the car park is displaced, at risk of failure and requiring reconstruction and poses a hazard to pedestrians.
- The site's perimeter walkways and footpaths, particularly for the emergency exit points, are overgrown and vegetated which must be cleared for safety purposes. The uneven slabs pose potential trip hazards.
- The Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning system is beyond reasonable maintenance and servicing, and is considered end of life and should be replaced as large parts are no longer functioning.
- Pool plant equipment is in poor condition with temporary ad hoc solutions for chlorination introduced, this poses a health hazard to pool users. The equipment is end of life and requires replacement.
- Two reported outbreaks of legionella indicates potential problems with the site's plumbing system and maintenance, we consider large scale renewal of plumbing services a likely necessity.
- The electrical installation throughout the building is generally more than 30 years old with various defects highlighted in a recent electrical inspection. Known C2 issues are to be resolved without delay with the full electrical installation replaced in the short term as could pose a hazard to facility users in its current condition.
- The energy performance rating of the building is Grade D, though with the expected changes to Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards unless significant improvements are made to improve the EPC rating to 'C' the property will unable to be legally leased after this date. Holistic performance upgrades are necessary for EPC improvements, rather than carrying out works in isolation.

- The external car park surfaces are generally worn, uneven and in a friable condition with various potholes throughout. Resurfacing required to the car park along with new bay line marking to remove the risk of trips.

These findings are not exhaustive and any works or opening up is likely to uncover further defects or issues which are currently concealed or obscured:

In summary, the condition report states that the overall building is in a poor state of repair and condition with numerous substantial defects with significant health and safety implications to both the Council and the Tenant. These issues are, but aren't limited to roofing, electrical and mechanical installations, replacement of hazardous or dangerous floor finishes (e.g. tiling) which pose an immediate hazard to users.

The roof coverings are in varying states of disrepair. All the roofs save for the two-storey office should be replaced. The pitched roof above the main pool is in particularly poor condition. It has not been possible to inspect the supporting roof structure to determine its condition due to the suspended netting and ceiling grid system.

Overall, the building is at the end of its effective lifecycle and requires significant investment and repairs to remain operational. Whilst the remit of the condition report is to highlight the condition and works required to for operational continuity, it is recommended that a large-scale heavy refurbishment or redevelopment of the site would be more suitable. This would not only bring the building up to the current standards, but would also be more efficient in terms time and cost over the medium term and general overall longevity.

The Building Conditions report provides a budget estimate in excess of £3.135M plus VAT for the required repairs and maintenance to keep the facility and building operational for the short term only. These are based on BCIS, SPONS and Capita's own internal data sets, and does not allow for potential cost beyond the immediate necessities.

Pool plant repairs

The pool plant is in poor condition with little or no maintenance carried out for several years. The majority of the work required would be considered a tenant responsibility, i.e. minor plant and includes the following works:

- The refurbishment of the pool water filters
- The service and repair the pool water circulation pumps
- Replacement valves, gauges and air releases
- Drain and clean the poolside balance tank
- The replacement of the pool chemical dosing units and both chlorine pumps
- Servicing of the UV system and replacement of the UV lamps
- Purchase a new pool water testing kit

The cost of undertaking the works and purchasing the necessary equipment has been quoted at £71,000.

4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

- In October 2015, a public consultation was organised which included a public meeting and via surveys with customers and residents to discuss the future management arrangements for Daisyfield Pools.
- 'Half Fish' a local charitable organisation informed the Council of their interest in managing and operating Daisyfield Pools. As no other interest was declared via the public meeting and local adverts, the Council reached an agreement with Half Fish to operate Daisyfield Pools independently on a landlord / tenant basis from 1 September 2016.
- Half Fish has operated Daisyfield Pools for seven years, but despite several attempts by the Council in face to face meetings and in writing, to obtain a signed licence, Half Fish have declined to sign a licence to operate the facility.
- Half Fish provide casual swimming sessions, learn to swim lessons, school swimming and lifeguard training courses and swim teacher courses. The pools are open at the following times:
 - Monday – 6.00pm to 9.00pm
 - Tuesday to Thursday – 9.00am to 9.00pm
 - Friday – 9.00am to 8.00pm
 - Saturday – 8.00am to 2.30pm
- Daisyfield Pools was closed with effect from 19 August 2023 on grounds of health and safety. The health and safety risks were serious and if they had gone unchecked, they could have led to serious injury or fatality. As the Council was aware of the serious health and safety risks and as owners of the building, we could be held partially liable for any serious injury or fatality as a result of health and safety breaches.
- Health and safety is paramount in any swimming pool facility, which requires regular servicing, monitoring and maintenance. It is therefore essential for operators to have a proven track record in operating and managing swimming pools and are able to implement a robust regime of monitoring and compliance with suitably qualified staff.
- A building conditions survey has been produced for Daisyfield Pools which provides a budget estimate in excess of £3.135M plus VAT for the required repairs and maintenance to keep the facility and building operational for the short term only. These are based on BCIS, SPONS and Capita's own internal data sets, and does not allow for potential cost beyond the immediate necessities.
- The continuation and longer-term closure of the Daisyfield swimming pool will impact existing users of the facility. However, this can be accommodated at Blackburn Leisure Centre which is based near the town centre and has modern swimming pool facilities and access to low cost refresh swimming sessions.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There is no statutory requirement for Councils to provide swimming pool services, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council has done so on a discretionary basis, investing over £21m in swimming pool provision at Blackburn Leisure Centre and Darwen Leisure Centres since 2010

The Sport England facilities planning model which was completed in 2012 demonstrated that the Borough had an over-provision of swimming pool facilities. The closure of Shadsworth swimming pool in 2018 reduced the over-provision but still provided sufficient swimming pool facilities for the residents of the Borough as recommended by Sport England. The closure of Daisyfield Pools would

result in an under-provision of swimming pool facilities for the residents of the Borough as recommended by Sport England.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Council's Revenue Estimates Summary for the 2015/16 estimated that Daisyfield Pools would operate with a cash limited budget of £419,200. When the pools were transferred to Half Fish, the budget for Daisyfield Pools was removed from the portfolio's overall budget, therefore the portfolio has no revenue funding available to operate Daisyfield Pools.

The Building Conditions report provides a budget estimate in excess of £3.135m plus VAT for the required repairs and maintenance to keep the facility and building operational for the short term only. These are based on BCIS, SPONS and Capita's own internal data sets, and does not allow for potential cost beyond the immediate necessities.

The pool plant report provides a quote for replacing or refurbishing the majority of the pool plant equipment at a cost of £71,000.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The provision of leisure services is a discretionary activity. The Council has powers to provide as it thinks fit and deal with leisure facilities under the general power of competence provided by section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 and section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. Currently, the Council already has provisions for swimming at Blackburn Leisure Centre and Darwen Leisure Centre.

The Council needs to ensure that its decision makers are correctly and adequately informed. As such, a timely, adequate and effective consultation needs to be undertaken with all relevant stakeholders. The outcome of the consultation will need to be considered and taken into account when determining the long-term position and future of the facility.

Since the initial offer to Half-Fish for them to operate from Daisyfield Pools, the Council has been unable to obtain a signed written formal agreement from them to regulate their operation of Daisyfield Pool. For that reason it is considered that they have occupied the pool complex as a verbal licensee or at most, a tenant at will. Both provide no security of tenure and can be ended upon notice. Reasonable notice given the stated health and safety grounds, whilst short, was forewarned verbally by the Council to Half-Fish in the days leading up to the formal notice being given. At present Half Fish can still access parts of the complex that relate to the 'office functions' until further notice.

The presented licences required health and safety regulations relevant for swimming pool operations to be adhered so even if a formal licence had been entered into, the Council would have ended the licence on similar grounds and timescales as it did in the absence of a written licence agreement.

The recommendations to continue closure would be subject to the Council's duties under the Equality Act 2010. However, the continuation of the closure is due to serious health and safety issues, which impacts all users of the facility. Any subsequent decision regarding the long-term position and future use of Daisyfield Pools (following the consultation) would need to be informed by way of an Equality Impact Assessment and be considered alongside any health implications before a decision is made.

This report contains a 'key decision', but due to the urgent nature of the matter (as detailed above) it has not been practicable to comply with the procedure for taking 'key decisions' and publish the required 28 clear days' notice. Therefore, the 'key decision' in this report is to be made under 'Special Urgency' provisions under rule 16 of the Rules relating to Access to Information and Decisions and Attendance at Public Meeting.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Officer time to undertake a public consultation process in relation to future service provision and use of the building. Officer time to secure the site, ensuring the intruder alarm is fully functioning and monitored under the councils existing contracts to allow out of hours security where required. Undertake regular inspections both internally & externally.

9. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

Please select one of the options below. Where appropriate please include the hyperlink to the EIA.

Option 1 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required – the EIA checklist has been completed.

Option 2 In determining this matter the Executive Member needs to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA link here)*

Option 3 In determining this matter the Executive Board Members need to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA attachment)*

10. CONSULTATIONS

The Council has consulted with Half Fish prior to the closure of the building on 19 August 2023 and in the interim period leading up to the Executive Board meeting on 7 September 2023.

11. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been considered. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of any Executive Member consulted and note of any dispensation granted by the Chief Executive will be recorded in the Summary of Decisions published on the day following the meeting.

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BACKGROUND PAPER:	Pool plant report, Daisyfield Pools, 9 August 2023 Capita Conditions report, Daisyfield Pools, August 2023
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