

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

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1 PURPOSE

To update committee on a variety of developments in sport, arts and some elements of the Council's response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

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| Community Objectives | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To sustain a strong and prosperous Ribble Valley- To help make people's lives healthier and safer- To protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area |
| Corporate Priorities | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To ensure best use of Council resources during the pandemic |

2 RIBBLESDALE POOL

Although the pool has been closed since Christmas this has not stopped the essential maintenance work necessary to keep it working from being completed.

There has been an extensive programme of deep cleaning carried out, both in the changing rooms and around the pool side and in the pool tank itself.

Some essential electrical work has been carried out, along with some redecoration of areas such as the foyer. In addition, work was necessary on the filtration system and a new pool water circulation pump was installed

The building is coming up 50 years old next year and the costs involved in keeping it open will continue to be high each year as the fabric such as the walls and roof, along with the pool water plant and mechanical equipment necessary to heat the pool water and the air require attention on an ongoing basis. It is probable that Ribblesdale pool is the oldest of its' type in the Country as the design life when built was 25-30 years. Similar pools built in the early 1970s have likely been replaced now, because of the rising cost of maintenance and the built inefficiencies of a building built long before climate change and total life costing were even thought about.

3 POOL STAFF REASSIGNMENT DUE TO LOCKDOWN

In the period since lockdown commenced the pool staff have been carrying out a variety of other tasks, including the deep clean at the pool, helping to marshal the

Railway View Car Park on days when vaccinations have been scheduled at the Medical Centre.

Currently all the staff are based in the Civic Suite as they have been trained in a variety of roles to help run the lateral flow covid test centre, which the Council has set up. This opened w/c 8th February, the first people who went through it were staff from the Council to enable all the procedures to be tested. This work very well and the site is now open for local businesses to send their staff to it. Council staff continue to be tested on a regular basis, as the recommendation from Public Health is lateral flow tests should be taken twice a week if possible.

The test procedure including registration takes around 15-20 minutes first time and subsequently the time is shorter, because registering is much quicker, allowing the test process to be completed in about half the time.

4 RV3G

It is planned that prior to re-opening the site on the 29th March, the Council will be arranging for a specialist contractor to visit the site at Edisford and apply a specially formulated disinfection which is medical grade and 100% biodegradable. This is something which has been developed in response to the current pandemic, this specialist anti-viral and anti-bacterial treatment is designed to help elevate standards of hygiene and cleanliness for sports fields and facilities, ensuring that our facilities meet the new health and safety challenges presented in the current climate.

Applied via a low-pressure spray to the entire field (including goals, dugouts etc), it will deep-clean and sanitise our surfaces to help combat viruses and bacteria. This together with the extensive work which had already been carried out to make the facility as safe as possible, will hopefully reassure our customers that we are doing everything possible to help them enjoy the facility and return safely to physical activity.

5 VACCINATION PARKING

After consultation with the Council leadership, it was agreed not to charge patients attending the doctors' practices specifically to receive their Covid vaccinations for their short stay on the Railway View and Barclay Road council car parks. A number of parking spaces are reserved on vaccination days for this purpose.

Nurses attending the health centre to assist with the vaccinations were directed to park on Chester Avenue car park.

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