

Report to the Cabinet

Report reference: C/006/2006-07.

Date of meeting: 5 June 2006.



**Epping Forest
District Council**

Portfolio: Leisure and Young People.

Subject: Loughton Leisure Centre – Teaching Pool Viewing Gallery.

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Recommendation:

That, in order to provide comfort cooling to the Teaching Pool Viewing Gallery at Loughton Leisure Centre, a virement of £10,000 from the Capital Contingency fund be approved.

Background:

1. The Cabinet has previously approved expenditure of £2,000 for low cost works to alleviate the overheating of the Teaching Pool Viewing Gallery.
2. As a result of a detailed design study, it has now been established that the proposed low cost works could have potential health and safety implications and would not be sufficient to achieve acceptable environmental conditions, consequently a comfort cooling solution is now proposed.
3. The cost of the works is estimated at £12,000 and for reasons of expediency, a decision is sought, to vire £10,000 from the Capital Contingency, to ensure that the remedial works are completed as soon as possible.
4. The Council is currently developing a professional indemnity claim against GLR Architects and this matter is one of the pending heads of claim.

Statement in Support of Recommendation:

5. It is essential that this unacceptable situation be rectified with the utmost expediency.

Options for Action:

6. To do nothing is clearly an option however, to not undertake the proposed works in the teaching pool viewing gallery, will render the area unusable, due to the unacceptable environmental conditions experienced during the summer months and therefore expose the Council to the risk of a compensation claim being made, by the term leisure contractor.

Consultation undertaken:

7. Silcock Dawson and Partners.

Resource Implications:

Budget provision: A virement of £10,000 from the Capital Contingency is sought which will reduce the Capital Contingency to £465,000.

Personnel: From within existing resources.

Land: Nil.

Community Plan/BVPP Reference: N/A.

Relevant Statutory Powers: None.

Background Papers: None.

Environmental/Human Rights Act/Crime and Disorder Act Implications: N/A.

Key Decision Reference (if required): N/A.