

Report to the Council

**Subject: Emergency and Urgent Expenditure
- Roding Valley Lake**

Date: 30 October 2007

Portfolio Holder: Councillor M Cohen

Item: 12(a)

Recommendations:

- (1) That the final cost of expenditure amounting to £7,295 outside of the Budgeting Framework, as advised by the Leisure and Young People Portfolio Holder, with respect to urgent measures taken reduce the impact of adverse environmental conditions experienced at the Roding Valley Lake be noted; and**
 - (2) That a supplementary District Development Fund estimate in the sum of £7,295 be approved.**
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1. On the 28 June 2007, I advised Council of the need to incur £6,000 emergency expenditure outside of the budget framework to mitigate the impact of adverse environmental conditions experienced at the Roding Valley Lake.
2. Subsequent to the incident, the Council has met with the Environment Agency, Essex Wildlife Trust and the local Town and Parish Councils, to discuss future management of the lake, albeit the advice from the Environment Agency, is that whilst some practical measures could be taken to reduce the risk of a repeat, this cannot be guaranteed with such an expanse of inland water.
3. During the incident, costs were incurred in relation to the hiring of specialist aeration equipment, removal of dead fish and overnight security to safeguard the hired equipment.
4. It has now been established that the total cost of the works was £7,295.
5. The Council is asked to note this final figure and approve a DDF supplementary estimate.