Committee: Council

Date: 5 February 2020

Wards:

Subject:	The addition of Wimbledon Park Lake Safety Scheme to the Capital Programme
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Recommendations

That Council approve the following Capital Scheme to be included in the Capital Programme, funded by the deletion of the scheme below:

Scheme	2019/20 Budget	2020/21 Budget	Narrative
Sports Facilities - Wimbledon Park Lake De-Silting	(1,393,160)	0	Money being vired to cover priority scheme on the lake
Sports Facilities - Wimbledon Park Lake Reservoir Safety	75,000	1,318,160	Money required to cover statutory obligations
Total	(1,318,160)	1,318,160	

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to approve the funding required to progress the Wimbledon Park Lake Reservoir Safety scheme.
- 1.2 In accordance with the Authority's Financial Regulations, any addition of £500,000 or more to the Capital Programme for a new scheme must be authorised by decision of Council. This is a distinct separate project to the Wimbledon Park De-Silting Project and requires such approval.

2. DETAILS

2.1 Wimbledon Park Lake

- 2.1.1 The approved capital programme 2019-23 contains £1,393,160 for Wimbledon Park Lake De-Silting. The capital fund set aside for Wimbledon Park Lake De-silting project should be reallocated to be Wimbledon Park Lake Reservoir Safety.
- 2.1.2 It was originally envisaged that if the council invested in de-silting the lake that it would result in reservoir safety improvements that would assist the council in meeting its statutory obligations under The Reservoir Act 1975, but reports from studies recently commissioned identify that de-silting will not have this desired effect. The council is required to carry out Reservoir Safety improvements to Wimbledon Park Lake to comply with the Act by January 2022 and therefore request this fund be reallocated for this purpose.
- 2.1.3 In carrying out the Reservoir Safety requirements that the depth of water in the lake will be lowered and thus works in forthcoming years to de-silt would still be necessary if recreational pursuits wish to be maintained on this lake.
- 2.1.4 Proposals for de-silting as a stage 2 part to this project are intended to be developed as part of this first stage reservoir safety so that the council can progress in the future should funding be available and be deemed a priority post 2024.

3 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Progression of these schemes requires the following amendments to the Capital Programme:

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- 3.2 There is no revenue impact on the funding of the capital programme as the cost and source of funding remains the same.
- 3.3 It is envisaged that an accurate spend profile will be established within the Capital Programme once the Quantity Surveyor and Design and Build Company are established.

4 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Detailed in the body of the report.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None for the purposes of this report

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None for the purposes of this report

7 RISK MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None for the purposes of this report

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8.1 None for the purposes of this report

9. APPENDICES

- 9.1 None
- 10 BACKGROUND PAPERS
- 10.1 Papers held by Resources.

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