

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Decision to fund uninsured regulatory works at Bromyard Leisure Centre
Date of decision:	5 May 2021
Decision maker:	Chief Finance Officer, Deputy Chief Executive
Authority for delegated decision:	This decision is to apply for the spend of the budget as agreed by the decision made on 21 September 2019. (Report Ref: Halo Leisure energy efficiency programme) http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=6249
Ward:	Bromyard Bringsty
Consultation:	Consultation has taken place with representatives from HALO Leisure Trust, Finance, Environment, Climate Emergency and Waste Services and Property Services.
Decision made:	To allocate a sum not exceeding £50,000 (inclusive of professional fees, contingencies etc) from the programme of energy efficiency measures on leisure facilities budget to carry out additional uninsured remedial works at Bromyard Leisure Centre which include the replacement of emergency lighting with improved energy efficient LED lighting. The award is direct to the onsite contractors who are currently carrying out both insured and uninsured works to ensure the building is compliant and able to open to the public.
Reasons for decision:	<p>The Leisure Centre remains closed due to water damage. Both insured and uninsured re-instatement works are well underway however to ensure the Centre can be re-opened the uninsured elements of the regulatory electrical, emergency lighting and fire alarm installations need to be improved and made compliant. This decision approves spending a further £50,000 on top of the £170,000 approved here http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50088618/Decision%20to%20fund%20uninsured%20regulatory%20works%20at%20Bromyard%20Leisure%20Centre.pdf</p> <p>Vandalism to the roofing and subsequent water ingress has caused the Leisure Centre to remain closed due to water damage to the emergency lighting, fire alarm, and electrical installations in a number of locations necessitating partial replacement of the water damaged components and wiring, funded by insurers. As a consequence of replacing these sections of the installations the current regulatory conditions required a whole replacement of the systems to meet current regulations in order to achieve final certification.</p> <p>Both insured and uninsured re-instatement works are well underway however to ensure the Centre can be re-opened the uninsured elements of the regulatory electrical, emergency lighting and fire alarm installations need to be improved and made compliant.</p>
Highlight any associated Risks /finance/legal/equality	Procuring the works through the encumbering contractor minimises the legal risks. In addition cost checking against competitive quotes has been carried out to support obtaining value for money.

considerations:	It is proposed that these works be funded from the programme of energy efficiency measures on leisure facilities and subsequently refunded by HALO.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>To not approve the decision at this time –</p> <p>There is insufficient funds without some spend from the Efficiency Fund to complete the works and another source of funding would need to be found or the Centre could not open to the public.</p> <p>Any delay in approval would result in further slippage with the need to complete the required works in tandem with the on-going on site insurance funded works and will result in additional cost, time and delay.</p>
Details of any declarations of interest made:	N/A

Signed:
Andrew Lovegrove, Chief Finance Officer and Deputy Chief Executive

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