

LOCHGILPHEAD PADDLING POOL

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members regarding the operation of the paddling pool, front green, Lochgilphead.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Members note the contents of this report.

3. DETAILS

- 3.1 This report provides further information to Members following discussion at the recent Business Day meeting in relation to the operation of the paddling pool in Lochgilphead. The report also details the duties and responsibilities that the Council has in relation to paddling pools.
- 3.2 The historical method of operation for the pool has been for the paddling pool to be filled and emptied on a daily basis from mains water supply. There is no filtration or circulation system installed in this paddling pool facility. There is an increased risk of waterborne infection being spread to the user group due to the lack of filtration system. Furthermore the paddling pool does not have a system of fencing as recommended as current good practice.
- 3.4 Guidance from the Institute of Sport and Recreational Management on the operating of public paddling pools recommends that:
- A public paddling pool should not be in operation without a filtration system
 - Staff should be trained in to provide a level of supervision.
 - Appropriate safety signage should be erected and be highly visible.
 - An inspection regime should be in place
 - A cleaning and maintenance programme should be agreed.
 - A fence should be in place to segregate the pool.

3.6 Upfront costs associated with upgrading the paddling pool to enable it to meet the recommended standards are in the region of £40,000. These costs include a filtration system, perimeter fence, safety signage, staff training and associated service costs.

4. CONCLUSION

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5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1	Policy	Health and Safety
5.2	Financial	No budget currently identified
5.3	Legal	The council has a legal duty to ensure that its facilities meet the required standards
5.4	HR	None
5.5	Equalities	None
5.6	Risk	Potential of Injury / accident claim
5.7	Customer Services	None

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