

REPORT TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

DATE: 14 MAY 2020

TITLE: REFERRAL FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
REVIEW OF PADDLING POOLS

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This is a Key Decision
It is on the Forward Plan as Decision Number I010968
Call-in Procedures may apply
This decision will affect all wards.

RECOMMENDED that:

- A** Health and safety issues including staff access to the pump rooms at Norman Booth and Town Park be addressed.
- B** Perimeter railings at Town Park paddling pool to prevent water contamination mainly from domestic and wild animals, particularly at times when the pool is 'closed' and therefore unsupervised would be installed.
- C** On a site-by-site basis, opportunities for the provision of either mobile toilet/changing facilities sited for the duration of the school summer holidays or the provision of permanent toilet/changing facilities where possible would be considered.
- D** Internal railings to separate play park equipment from water play at Sumners, Norman Booth and Staple Tye would be installed.
- E** A pilot scheme at Staple Tye to introduce toilet and changing facilities, with a new splash park alongside the paddling pool was approved.
- F** Detailed timelines and costings in respect of each of the proposals would be provided.

REASON FOR DECISION

- A** The Scrutiny Committee has made a number of recommendations following the completion of the review.
- B** To enable works to take place on the various paddling pool and splash park sites across Harlow.

BACKGROUND

1. In 2018, the Council received a petition which requested that the paddling pool in the Town Park was retained. Full Council considered this petition and requested that the Scrutiny Committee carried out a review of paddling pools and splash parks within Harlow.

ISSUES/PROPOSALS

2. The Scrutiny Committee considered the final report of the review at its meeting on 18 February 2020. It was agreed that a number of health and safety related works should continue as soon as possible. A number of facility improvements were also recommended for approval.

IMPLICATIONS

Implications of the recommended decision are outlined in the 'Implications' section of the original report, which is attached as Appendix 1.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Original report to the Scrutiny Committee 'Review of Paddling Pools – Final Report'

Background Papers

Background Papers to original Scrutiny Committee report

<http://moderngov.harlow.gov.uk/documents/b3863/Supplementary%20Agenda%201%20-%20Background%20Papers%2018th-Feb-2020%2019.30%20Scrutiny%20Committee.pdf?T=9>

Glossary of terms/abbreviations used

None.