

DECISION

of Councillor Webb, and Councillor Kus, in consultation with the Town Clerk, 21st June 2015

Water park

Earlier this year it was agreed by Committee to enter into a Service Level Agreement with North Somerset Council for operation of the Water Park in return for a payment of £21,349. This sum represented the Town Council's budget for employment of seasonal attendants to staff the Park. This would enable efficiencies from the use of the large team of seafront welcomers to staff the park. In addition North Somerset Council would maintain the plant room in return for a payment of 5,618. The Seafront Manager has agreed to forego this income in light of the problems.

Unfortunately problems have been experienced with the plant room resulting in its closure for inspection. This showed that the splash pad was unsafe and accordingly it has been closed until repairs can be carried out to make it safe. The position was reported by the Grounds Manager to the Tourism and Leisure Committee meeting on 8th June. Investigation has shown that the waterpark needs substantial repair in order to get the Splash pad open to the public again. There are 3 elements to each option which are essential, these are a) filter system b) Glass unit refill c) Pump for Granudos machine. All three of these elements do have to be done to get the system operational that is put into options below. In addition d) has already been done – Tanker to drain system £2,300 so needs to be included in the overall costs.

The Responsible Financial Officer has reserached two options as to how we do each element:-

OPTION 1.

Replace filter part only that is broken	£1,100 plus vat
Labour to replace part	<u>£ 350</u>
TOTAL	£1,450
Refill of Glass to unit	<u>£1,757</u> plus vat
TOTAL	£1,757
Replace pump for Granudos machine	£ 641 plus vat
Labour to replace part	<u>£ 150</u>
TOTAL	£791
Emptying costs (already done) Tanker	<u>£2,300</u>
TOTAL	£2,300
TOTAL Direct costs of Option 1	£6,298

Option 1 will result in the splash pad being off for a minimum of 3 weeks from the point of making the decision as a) filter parts have a 3 week lead time and then need to be fitted.

Income Loss

During 2014 / 2015 (last year) in June the Waterpark took £4,515 of income and for the first 3 weeks in July (prior to school holidays) took £3,936 so for a period of 7 weeks the income taken was **£8,450**. The waterpark this June has only had 1 week of takings due to the Splash closure.

Summary for option 1 for consideration.

Total Direct Costs	£6,298
Potential Loss of income	£8,450 (weather dependant)
Less recoverable cost in SLA	-£5,618
Potential Cost of Option 1	£9,130

OPTION 2.

Replace complete filter tank unit	£5,687 plus vat
Labour to replace part	<u>£ 850</u>
TOTAL	£6,537

Refill of Glass to unit	<u>£1,757</u> plus vat
TOTAL	£1,757

Replace pump for Granudos machine	£ 641 plus vat
Labour to replace part	<u>£ 150</u>
TOTAL	£791

Emptying costs (already done) Tanker	<u>£2,300</u>
TOTAL	£2,300

TOTAL Direct costs of Option 2 **£11,385**

Option 2 has a lesser down time of the splash pad being off approximately 1 week from the point of making the decision as a) filter parts are available but will need to be fitted.

Income Loss

During 2014 / 2015 (last year) in June the Waterpark took £4,515 of income and for the first 3 weeks in July (prior to school holidays) took £3,936 so for a period of 7 weeks the income taken was £8,450. The waterpark this June has only had 1 week of takings due to the Splash closure and would see charging being able to made sooner potentially resulting a reduced loss of income estimated at **£4828 (3 weeks already lost and 1 additional week)**

Summary for option 1 for consideration.

Total Direct Costs	£6,298
Potential Loss of income	£4,818 (weather dependant)
Less recoverable cost in SLA	-£5,618
Potential Cost of Option 2	£5,498

Please note:

Income figures are based on last years actual takings and are subject to weather so are just indicative of potential loss of income only. Delivery Costs of £15 for the Granudos Pump (both options) and £195 for the filter tank unit and glass (option 2 only) are extra to the costs identified above. However, the Engineer is pushing the company to allow a discounted price for delivery given the likely order value.

On this basis the Responsible Financial Officer advises that Option 2 is the preferable course of action. In addition to the financial aspect, there will be reputational damage to the Town Council from a prolonged closure of the splash pad. It is therefore **RECOMMENDED** that Option 2 be selected.

DECISION

Under the Town Council's Scheme of Delegation paragraph 2 "Chairman's Action" we as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee in consultation with the Town Clerk **AGREE** that Option Two as set out above be adopted.

Signed (Chairman)

Date.....

Signed(Vice-Chairman)

Date.....

Advice confirmed by:

Signed(Town Clerk)

Date.....21st June 2015