

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>COUNCIL 7 MARCH 2022</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>COUNCIL TAX AND BUDGET REPORT – AMENDMENT FROM THE OPPOSITION GROUP</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>	<b>John Jones, Interim Monitoring Officer</b>
<b>WARDS:</b>	<b>All</b>

**SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

This is a supplementary paper to agenda item 6, the Council Tax and Budget Report. The paper contains details of a proposed amendment to the budget and capital programme that has been submitted by the Opposition Group.

**1. BACKGROUND**

1.1 This paper is a supplement to agenda item 6, the Council Tax and Budget Report. It details a proposed amendment to the budget and capital programme received from the Opposition Group.

1.2 The amendment is replicated in full below.

**2. OPPOSITION GROUP PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

**To amend the budget and capital programme to include:**

**Purley Pool Refurbishment and Modernisation Project**

One of the defining features of this Labour-led Council in Croydon is how it has wilfully ignored the public on every conceivable matter for 8 long and miserable years. They haven't listened whenever residents seek to protect the character of their streets. They didn't listen when they were warned not to waste money buying a hotel. They failed to listen when it came to Fairfield Halls. But perhaps the worst example has been the sheer pettiness and vindictiveness of how Labour have treated Purley Pool. Labour deliberately neglected this much-loved and much-used leisure centre and pursued a policy of running it down. Hundreds of local people opposed this but they were ignored. Schools were told to spend hours trudging back and forth to other pools that are miles away. Teachers raised severe concerns about the safety of getting small children across Purley Way, but again they were ignored.

This amendment seeks to bring Purley Pool back to life, return it to its status as a much loved and needed local facility, to provide again a suitable place for schoolchildren to learn how to swim and to properly respond to the needs of local residents.

This amendment is a result of Croydon Conservatives **listening** to local people.

## Details

This project will encompass the required mechanical engineering and refurbishment works necessary to bring Purley Pool Leisure Centre back to full operational standard as well as operational costs support post reopening for the period of the MTFS. On ongoing commitment to fund the operation from CIL money secures the long-term future of the pool after the period of the MTFS.

The timing allows for procurement as well as for the current estimated times necessary for works completion with a target re-opening the end of 2024. This will be refined as part of the procurement exercise.

## Costs and Funding Source

The total cost of the project over will be £3.195m spread across 4 years with the phasing below:

Phased Costing (£1000's)			
Financial Year	Modernisation Works	Operational Support	Year Total
2022/23	960		960
2023/24	1560		1560
2024/25	600	25	625
2025/26		50	50
	Project Total		3195

These costs will be met using unallocated CIL monies from existing receipts and those forecast within the period of the MTFS as per the table below:

Financial Year	CIL Funding (£1000's)
2022/23	960
2023/24	1560
2024/25	625
2025/26	50
Total	3195

The ongoing revenue cost estimated at £50k per annum will be met from CIL.

The Council's criteria for the use of CIL money states:

'The following infrastructure projects or types will, or may be, wholly or partly funded by CIL:

Provision, improvement, replacement, operation, or maintenance of public sports and leisure'

This clearly provides for the use of CIL to fund this project.