



RECORD OF DELEGATED DECISION (OFFICER)

1. Decision Reference No.	CEX424
2. Name/Title of Officer	Michelle Howard Director for Housing & Communities (Deputy Chief Executive)
3. Email address of Officer	mhoward@melton.gov.uk
4. Title / Subject Matter:	Swimming Pool Support Fund Grant
5. Type of Decision:	Public
6. Key Decision?	Yes
7. Decision Taken: 1. To approve the grant allocation to Melton Borough Council from Sport England for £120k and enter into the associated legal grant agreement with Sport England to obtain Swimming Pool Support Funding.	
8. Reasons for Decision: Cabinet on 29 November 2023 approved the funding allocation for the leisure project with reference specifically made to the Swimming Pool Support Fund Grant having been applied for. The Council were successful in the application and have been awarded £120k. Approval of the grant and entering into a legal grant agreement allows the Council to be given £120k from Sport England to improve our leisure asset at Waterfield Leisure Centre. Specifically Solar PV & Pool Covers. The funding grant is 100% of the total of costs of these energy efficiency works, and requires no funding from the Council.	
9. Authority / Legal Power: The Director for Housing & Communities/Deputy Chief Executive has delegated authority to enter into the grant agreement pursuant to the Melton Borough Council Constitution - Chapter 2 Part 4 Officer Scheme of Delegation. Cabinet on 29 November 2023 (exempt item) approved the allocation of funding for the Leisure Project and made reference to the application of the Swimming Pool Support Fund Grant.	

10. Background Papers attached?	No						
11. Alternative options available / rejected: Reject the grant agreement; this would impact on the Council being able to deliver energy efficiency improvements (i.e. Solar panels & Pool Covers) to reduce Waterfield’s utility usage and carbon footprint.							
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13. APPROVAL/SIGN OFF (Do not complete until all implications signed off at Section 12)							
Signature of Decision Maker with authority to sign :	Email approval received Michelle Howard Director for Housing & Communities (Deputy Chief Executive)						
Consultation with:	Email notification received Cllr Pat Cumbers Porfolio Holder for Housing & Communities						

Date:	5 March 2024
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