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Report Title:		Refurbishment of the Swimming Pool Changing Rooms at St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre																																								
Summary of report:		This indoor pool was built in the mid 1980's and the layout of the changing rooms are now in need of upgrading due to usage and also to try and meet the expectations and requirement of today's customers.																																								
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Included within the Forward Plan?		Yes/No May – Aug Ref. 2																																								
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Background Papers:		None																																								
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Officer Approval

With regard to officer approval all reports must be approved by the report authors relevant director, Finance Services and Legal Services.

Officer Approval	Date	Name
Relevant Director(s)	15/05/06	M Hawkins
Chief Executive	22/05/06	
CMT	17/05/06	
Section 151 Officer		
Legal	27/06/07	S Best
Finance	16/05/07	M Snow
Final Decision?		Yes/ No
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 1.1 To approve the seeking of tenders to modernise the Changing Room facilities for the Swimming Pool at St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre in accordance with the Councils Code of Contract Practice. The proposed works are outlined in 5.3.
- 1.2 £20,000 of the 2007/08 Contingency Budget should be allocated to make up for the anticipated shortfall in income resulting from the closure.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 This indoor pool was built in the mid 1980's and the layout of the changing rooms are now in need of upgrading due to usage and also to try and meet the expectations and requirement of today's customers

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 3.1 The alternative would be not to undertake this work which would leave the changing facilities in a 'tired' and unattractive condition and consequently this could ultimately have an effect on the use of the swimming pool by the public.

4. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK

- 4.1 The total capital scheme is estimated to cost £85,000 and can be accommodated from within the 2007/08 Repair and Maintenance Budget.
- 4.2 It is estimated that the temporary closure for 6 weeks will result in a net reduction in income of around £20,000. Officers will consider options to provide alternative changing accommodation to reduce the closure period and consequently the loss of income when final details of the scheme are available. This has not allowed for within the 2007/08 Estimates, but if the pool is to temporarily to close, it would be appropriate to allow for this within the estimates. To do this, it is suggested that £20,000 of the Contingency Budget should be utilized. The Council included a sum of £187,000 for a contingency when it set the 2007/08 budget, and a further allocation to the contingency fund is recommended as a result of the favourable revenue out-turn position in the Accounts report elsewhere on this agenda.

5. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 This accords with the Council's policy of promoting and contributing to a safer and healthier community and its commitment to keep its Leisure facilities in a good state of repair and to try and meet its customer's needs and aspirations.

Key Decision: YES

Included in Forward Plan: YES

If Yes, method of consultation: Consultation with Leisure and Amenities

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6. **BACKGROUND**

- 6.1 To encourage the popularity of healthy activities to grow a provider should routinely look at the facility being provided. In this instance it is considered the Changing Room facility is in need of improvement.
- 6.2 Following a Customer Survey, it is proposed to re-design the layout of the changing rooms to that which can best suit the users and be cleaned and maintained more easily by the service provider. Discussions with Leisure and Amenities have taken place and an outline scheme has been agreed.
- 6.3 The works comprise: the removal of the original wall tiles and replacement in a more modern style, better access under the D.D.A regulations, new male and female changing facilities and re-decoration throughout.
- 6.4 The work will commence November '07 and will necessitate a temporary closure of the pool for approx. 6 weeks. This being so, we will also take the opportunity to undertake other routine maintenance work.