

Finance and General Purposes Committee

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To note the viring of several cost centres to purchase a bespoke aeration system for Ladygrove Lakes

Background

Please see the extract from the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Climate Committee on 18th January 2021:

77. To consider the work to maintain water quality at Ladygrove Lakes.

The generator used at the lakes, had been stolen but the Outdoor Services Manager explained that the larger lake was improving, probably because of the weather. The cost of using the generator was £6,240 annually, the cost of the gas cylinders. Due to the loss of the generator, there was no aeration activity at the lakes.

There had been some trouble with the original company who were to install the solar panel island on the lake, but a second company had been identified to carry out the work.

The company would provide a bespoke Solar Powered Diffused Aeration System using floating solar panels system, (reducing the risk of theft and vandalism) at a cost of **£17,174**. It was noted that the original quote had been £7,684.

The Committee heard that the funds could be vired from other cost centres, £10,000 could be taken from the 'Ladygrove Park and Lakes' cost centre, while the remaining could be taken from the 'Ladygrove Lake staging budget'. The staging will not be replaced in this financial year.

Cllr P Davies asked if the fencing can be moved towards the lake. The Outdoor Services Manager agreed this could be done in future.

It was proposed by Cllr D Macdonald, seconded by Cllr C Wilson, and **RESOLVED** to vire the money between the cost centres, as mentioned above.

Recommendation

1. That the Committee notes the virements minuted by the Environment and Climate Committee.
2. The Town Clerk and Outside Services Manager recommend paying for this aeration scheme in instalments of approx. £6,000 each.

Delegated authority

3. Under Standing Order 100, the administration of the Finance and General Purposes budget is delegated to this Committee.

Legal and risk Implications

4. The Council is required to arrange for the proper administration of its financial affairs: this will include regular reporting.
5. The Accounts and Audit Regulations require local councils to ensure that financial management is adequate and effective and have a sound system of internal control.

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