

REPORT TO:	HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 6
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REPORT FROM:	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR (SERVICE DELIVERY)	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	ACTIVE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP (SDASP) POOLS TO SCHOOLS SWIMMING PROGRAMME	
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Committee approves the delivery of the South Derbyshire Active Schools Swimming Programme in partnership with Elite Swimming 'Pools to Schools' programme.
- 1.2 That the Committee approves the funding of this project through the Active Schools Partnerships earmarked reserves.
- 1.3 That the committee gives the Strategic Director – Service Delivery authority to allow purchase of extra swimming pool units through Elite swimming and authority to allow the recruitment of staff to deliver the programme in relation to ongoing service demand.

2. Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 To give background on the Active Schools Partnership and the school swimming requirements in the district.
- 2.2 To give details on Elite Swimming 'Pools to Schools' delivery model.

3. Detail

- 3.1 The ASP is a self-funded department within The Active Communities & Health unit. All income generated through service delivery is used to offset operational costs and any surplus tops up the ASP reserves.

- 3.2 All Infant, Junior and Primary schools nationally receive PE and School Sport premium funding on an annual basis. In South Derbyshire, the average amount of premium received by each school per year is around £17,500. Schools utilise this funding to purchase affiliation and schools sports services from the ASP.

Schools are expected to see an improvement against the following five key indicators (as of September 2023):

- 3.2.1 The engagement of all pupils in regular physical activity (30 minutes a day) – kick starting healthy active lifestyles
 - 3.2.2 The profile of PE and sport being raised across the school as a tool for whole school improvement.
 - 3.2.3 Increased confidence, knowledge, and skills of all staff in teaching PE and sport.
 - 3.2.4 Broader experience of a range of sports and activities offered to all pupils.
 - 3.2.5 Increased participation in competitive sport.
- 3.3 Swimming and water safety has been a statutory element of the national curriculum for physical education in England. This means that every 11-year-old child should leave primary school with the skills to keep themselves safe while enjoying swimming with friends and family. Schools are legally obliged to offer a minimum of 15 hours of school swimming lessons throughout a student's Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6) education career.
- 3.4 In addition to schools being expected to see an improvement against the previous five key indicators, schools are now mandated to publish their students Swimming attainment in relation to the following national benchmarks on their website:
- 3.4.1 Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.
 - 3.4.2 Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
 - 3.4.3 Use a range of strokes effectively, for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke.
- 3.5 Following consultation with the schools of South Derbyshire they are reporting a range of barriers that are negatively affecting their ability to offer their students the opportunity of 15 hours of School Swimming during their Key Stage 2 journey and therefore the chance of them achieving the national benchmarks. The main barriers highlighted include.

Increased cost of transportation of students to and from the pool.

Increasing logistical complications i.e. staffing, paperwork, etc.

Greater amounts of classroom learning missed therefore impacting on a student's wider attainment across other curriculum areas.

General cost of School Swimming programmes currently available.

Lack of pool availability in the local area.

Inclusion of SENd pupils accessing the swimming programme.

- 3.6 See Swimming supporting document 1 which outlines and shows evidence of the above 6 key areas from school testimonials.
- 3.7 This project is looking at an innovative way of overcoming these barriers and provide a service that is flexible around school timetables. By delivering school swimming session from a mobile swimming pool on the grounds of the school.
- 3.8 The project is to partner with Elite Swimming Pools for Schools. Who will provide the mobile pool, marquee and pool plant equipment. As well as training and ongoing support.
- 3.9 There is an initial set up cost of £25k and then a 50% profit share model. This is for a 5 year term and also includes exclusivity to deliver 'Pools to Schools' swimming in Derbyshire.
- 3.10 The roll out of the SDASP Swimming Programme will help alleviate the demand on the local Swimming pools within the area, therefore freeing up pool time for residents and supporters of the leisure facilities. The SDASP will work in collaboration DCC and local leisure providers to assist with this.
- 3.11 Further information is attached in the Swimming supporting document 2.
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- 3.12 All schools must complete swimming statistics as part of their School Sport Premium report that is submitted annually. Please see table 1.0 which shows the swimming data produced in those reports from all the schools across the South Derbyshire District.

Table 1.0 – South Derbyshire - Schools Swimming Data

Looking at key performance indicator 1, the South Derbyshire District is 2% below the national average for children that can swim 25m.

School	Yr Last Updated	25m	Water Safety	Strokes
Belmont Primary School	21/22	94%	67%	94%
Church Broughton Primary School	2022	100%	100%	100%
Coton In The Elms Primary School	22/23	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eggington Primary School	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Etwall Primary School	21/22	85%	96%	96%
Eureka Primary School	21/22	52%	100%	44%
Fairmeadows Foundation Primary School	2022	87%	94%	77%
Findern Primary School	21/22	75%	100%	75%
Hartshorne CofE Primary School	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Heathfields Primary School	Not Available	78%	69%	56%
Hilton Primary School	2021	65%	63%	29%
Linton Primary School	21/22	65%	65%	65%
Melbourne Junior School	2023	69%	97%	64%
Netherseal St.Peters Primary School	21/22	50%	50%	50%
Newhall Community Junior School	2022	58%	58%	58%
Overseal Primary School	21/22	73%	87%	70%
Pennine Way Junior Academy	2022	59%	6%	59%
Repton Primary School	21/22	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Rosliston CofE Primary School	22/23	80%	70%	80%
Springfield Primary School	2022	unknown	unknown	unknown
St.Edwards Catholic Primary School	19/20	80%	60%	75%
St Georges CofE Primary School	2022	66%	100%	62%
St. Wystans Independant School	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Stanton Primary School	22/23	unknown	unknown	unknown
Stenson Fields Primary School	19/20	12%	12%	12%
Walton On Trent Primary&Nursery school	2022	80%	80%	80%
Weston On Trent CofE primary School	2022	83%	100%	83%
Willington Primary School	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Woodville CofE Primary School	19/20	61%	83%	53%

4 Financial Implications

4.1 The total initial set up cost for the programme will be £25,000. This includes all equipment and training requirements which will be provided by Elite Swimming. The contract with Elite Swimming is a 5 year contract during which they will continue to support the partnership.

4.2 The SDASP has in principle, provisionally agreed the delivery of 20 weeks of Swimming within the first financial year which will return a total of £38,000 in income.

4.3 The recruitment for additional ASP PE & School Sport Coach will cost the partnership £17,984 (inclusive of on costs), this is on a 35 hour a week, 33 weeks a year seasonal contract. The cost of the Lifeguard is £14,973 (inclusive of on costs) and this is on a 35 hour a week, 30 week seasonal contract. These posts will deliver the Swimming programme.

4.4 Please see a financial breakdown of the Swimming programme below over the next 4 year period:

	Projected 2024-25	Projected 2025-26	Projected 2026-27	Projected 2027-28
Salaries	32,957.97	32,957.97	32,957.97	32,957.97
Training	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Tools & Equipment (Inc pool cost)	5,816.69	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Insurance	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Commission	1,900.00	5,700.00	5,700.00	5,700.00
Income	-38,000.00	-57,000.00	-57,000.00	-57,000.00
Surplus/Deficit	9,174.66	-3,842.03	-3,842.03	-3,842.03

4.5 Please note that the estimated income projections are very cautious. It is based only on the current level of provisional bookings for the remainder of this academic year and the schools that have in principle agreed to book into the programme beyond this year. No major promotion of the programme has been conducted. It is expected with promotion that the programme will exceed initial income projections.

4.6 There is no financial support required from the general fund, as the costs will be fully met via external PE and School Sport Premium from schools funding and/or the SDASP reserves. Below is the projected SDASP reserves over the next 4 year period, these figures include the swimming programme:

	rojected 2023-24	Projected 2024-25	Projected 2025-26	Projected 2026-27
Opening Reserve Balance	-448,395	-480,928	-480,879	-493,847
Draw down/Top-up	-32,533	49	-12,968	-12,968
Reserve Balance	-480,928	-480,879	-493,847	-506,814

5 Corporate Implications

Employment Implications

5.1 The Council has several employment policies in place that will be used to ensure that the proposals outlined in the report are implemented appropriately.

Legal Implications

5.2 None directly from this report.

Corporate Plan Implications

5.3 The proposals will support the Council to deliver services to the residents of South Derbyshire and fulfil projects across themes of the Corporate Plan, in particular:

P1.1 Support and celebrate volunteering, community groups and voluntary sector.

P2.2 Promote health and wellbeing across the District.

F1 Develop Skills and careers.

Risk Impact

5.4 The Corporate and Departmental risk registers will be updated with any risks identified if they arise from this report. Also insurance is covered in the partnership with Elite Swimming and ASP has its own insurance which will cover.

6 Community Impact

Consultation

6.1 The SDASP makes positive contributions to the recent Active South Derbyshire Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation Strategy 2017-2022. It also delivers across the key themes within the Sustainable Community Strategy – Children and Young People, Healthier Communities, Safer and Stronger Communities and Sustainable Development. These documents were developed in consultation with South Derbyshire residents and organisations.

6.2 The roll out of the SDASP Swimming Programme will help alleviate the demand on the local Swimming pools within the area, therefore freeing up pool time for residents and supporters of the leisure facilities. The SDASP will work in collaboration DCC and local leisure providers to assist with this.

Equality and Diversity Impact

6.3 This service is offered and is available to all schools within the District and engages all school-aged participants.

Social Value Impact

6.4 Nationally, physical inactivity costs the economy millions of pounds per year. By supporting the District's least active population to get and stay active, it will work to improve an individual's / community's health and wellbeing and potentially reduce wider costs to society such as the health service.

Environmental Sustainability

6.5 Where appropriate, delivery of opportunities takes place within local communities to reduce the barrier of rural isolation but also to enable people to cycle and walk to opportunities locally, which will potentially reduce traffic congestion and pollution.

7 Conclusions

7.1 The proposal for the subsequent delivery of the SDASP Swimming Programme in partnership with Elite Swimming 'Pools to Schools' programme will contribute to the future sustainability of the SDASP.

8 Background Papers

Appendix 1 Swimming Support Document 1

Appendix 2 Swimming Support Document 2