

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL – 30 NOVEMBER 2023

The following question has been received under Standing Order 13.1. The draft reply, which is subject to amendment, is set out below.

“Councillors are thanked for their questions.”

1. Question from Councillor Josh Brown

“Can the Portfolio Holder confirm whether the Council applied to the Phase II of the Swimming Pool Support Fund, and if not, why not?”

Reply from Councillor Ellen Nicholson

“Regrettably, an application could not be made within the time allowed due to a late change to the eligibility criteria. The Council was initially informed that we were not eligible to apply for either Phase 1 (revenue) or Phase 2 (capital) of the Swimming Pool Support Fund due to the Section 114 notice having been laid. I felt that this was unfair and challenged this through the Local Government Association. There was a delay in receiving a response, which eventually confirmed that we would be permitted to submit an application for Phase 2. Unfortunately, this confirmation was only received 2 days before the deadline for Phase 2. This did not allow sufficient time to prepare a detailed application for capital funds that would have needed quotes for works from contractors. However, the Council is now in a better position to apply for future funding through Sport England or similar.”

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