

## Report of the Interim Deputy Chief Executive

**CAPITAL BUDGET VARIATIONS 2018/19**1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for a number of capital budget variations in respect of the 2018/19 financial year.

2. Background

The announcement of additional grant funding for Disabled Facilities Grants in 2018/19 along with the requirement to address a water leak at the teaching pool at Kimberley Leisure Centre have resulted in a need to make amendments to a number of budgets in the capital programme 2018/19. Further details are set out in the appendix. The financial implications of these are summarised in the following table:

<u>No</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Present Budget 2018/19 (£)</u>	<u>Proposed Budget 2018/19 (£)</u>
1	Disabled Facilities Grants	777,550	872,250
2	Leisure Centres/ Industrial Units – Planned Maintenance	40,000	25,000
2	Kimberley Leisure Centre – Water Pipe Replacement	0	15,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>817,550</b>	<b>912,250</b>

A full update on the capital programme 2018/19 will be provided to the Finance and Resources Committee on 14 February 2019.

**Recommendation**

**The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the capital budget variations for 2018/19 as set out above and in the appendix be approved.**

Background papers

Nil

## APPENDIX

1. Disabled Facilities Grants

The 2018/19 capital programme includes £777,550 for grants to improve facilities for disabled people living in private sector dwellings to enable them to better access and move around their homes and/or gardens. The budget is provided by Nottinghamshire County Council through the Better Care Fund (BCF).

The Chancellor announced in the Autumn Budget on October 29 2018 that an additional £55m of capital funding for Disabled Facilities Grants would be made available for local authorities in England in 2018/19 to help deliver more home adaptations and help more disabled people to live independently and safely in their own homes.

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) wrote to all local authorities on 5 December 2018 to inform them of their additional allocations. Broxtowe Borough Council will receive an additional allocation of £94,700 which will allow the sum for Disabled Facilities Grants in the 2018/19 capital programme to be increased from £777,550 to £872,250.

2. Leisure Centres/Industrial Units – Planned Maintenance

The Finance and Resources Committee on 13 December 2018 agreed to allocate a sum of £40,000 in the 2018/19 capital programme to undertake a series of priority maintenance works at the leisure centres and industrial units.

A pipe has fractured underneath the teaching pool at Kimberley Leisure Centre and will need to be replaced. Assuming no asbestos is encountered in replacing the pipe or no further damage is discovered, the cost of replacing the pipe is estimated to be approximately £15,000. This cost can be met from the £40,000 allocated for planned maintenance at such sites at the meeting on 13 December 2018. There will be a loss of income for Liberty Leisure arising from the need to cease activity at the teaching pool whilst the fractured pipe is replaced and this will be reflected in the company's financial projections.

A similar issue concerning a water leak occurred in November 2017. This may indicate wider issues in respect of the infrastructure for the main and teaching pools at Kimberley Leisure Centre that will only become known once further investigatory work is undertaken.