



# PADDLING POOL

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 65/12

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The purpose of this Report is to provide Members with information on the costs of operating the Paddling Pool as a basis for a decision about its future management.

## No. DETAIL

### 1) INTRODUCTION

- a) The Isle of Wight Council determined in February 2012 that it would not fund the Paddling Pools at Ventnor, Ryde and East Cowes after the 2012/13 financial year.
- b) A letter of 22 October 2012 from its Strategic Manager Recreation, Leisure and Public Spaces, Alex Minns reminded us of that and invited discussions about the future of the Pools.
- c) The Town Clerk met with Alex Minns on Monday 29 October for that purpose.
- d) Ventnor Town Council is asked to consider taking on responsibility for the management of the Pool and its consequent costs.

### 2) COSTS

- a) The costs clearly vary depending on the number of weeks during which the Pool is available for use.
- b) The following table sets out an estimate of the costs for three operational periods

Cost element	A	B	C
	26 wks	21wks	17wks
Annual paint and repair	900	900	900
Insurance	250	250	250
Chemicals	200	160	130
Labour	2,320	1,875	1,515
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,670</b>	<b>3,185</b>	<b>2,795</b>

- c) The periods represent:
  - o A: Easter to end September
  - o B: Early May Bank Holiday to end September
  - o C: Early May to end summer school holidays
- d) The labour cost is based on 1.5 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### 3) RECOMMENDATION

- a) In view of the significance of the Paddling Pool to Ventnor's tourism offer, the Town Council is recommended to take on the management and funding of it and determine the period for which it proposes to operate it during the 2013 season.
- b) It is further recommended to ask its Clerk to discuss with the Isle of Wight Council the appropriate management structure for its future.