

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Town Hall, Assets & Services Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	9th April 2026 7 pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Town Hall Manager – Mark Worthington		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	10 Paddling Pool/Splash Pad Feasibility Study		
Background	<p>To determine if previous discussions relating to replacement/relocation of the paddling pool are viable/possible, it was agreed at the meeting of the THAS Committee on 31/10/24 and Finance & Policy Committee on 14/11/24, FAP/49/2425 RESOLVED To receive the report relating to the Splash Pad Feasibility Study and to agree to the proposed expenditure of £ 5,000 on a Splash Pad Feasibility Study.</p> <p>IB Development, who specialise in the installation of aquatic leisure applications, including swimming pools, water features, aquatic leisure facilities and plant, have visited the paddling pool and associated sites to carry out the feasibility study. Investigations have centred around the feasibility of improving/relocating the paddling pool or the option of a new water facility at a more suitable location.</p>		
Update	<p>Meetings with IB Development have continued, and they now have the broad elements of the “best solution” clear, as far as the location and form of the potential facility can be defined. They are currently engaged in estimating the capital cost of the project, which, of course, is determined by the size and complexity of any future facility. These costs will also be dictated by the technical parameters of any project and attaching costs to them. IB Developments is working on a budget to establish a “minimum worthwhile cost”. This is the minimum cost required to “make the job worth doing”. Depending on what that cost is, it may well be that developing a design that is limited in size immediately, but that can be easily expanded, would be a good solution. This would allow the cost to be phased over more than one operating year. The study will also separate out the costs of “must-haves” and “nice to haves”. The study carried out by IB Developments will be forwarded to committee members before the THAS meeting on 9th April, where Ahmad Arafa of IB Developments will also be attending the meeting to present the study and answer any questions.</p>		

Financial	To be in accordance with allocated budgets and financial regulations
Environmental	To assess via the procurement process the environmental impact and benefits
Equality	Where applicable in the procurement of services, this is taken into consideration
Decision Request	To receive the report relating to the Paddling Pool Feasibility Study.