

## Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>23 October 2018</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Splash Pad Project Proposal</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Janine Howells, Asset Manager</b>

### Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the proposal from SMS Environmental Ltd. for a splash pad facility within Thame.

### Background

2. On 4 October 2018 Cllrs. Dixon, Jones and Stiles and the Asset Manager met with Mr Harris and Mr Maddox of SMS Environmental Ltd. who delivered a presentation on a proposal for a splash pad facility at Southern Road Recreation Ground. A copy of the presentation is attached for further information (Appendix 1). At the meeting the Members present thought the proposal was much needed for Thame and would be a free facility for residents to enjoy and complement the existing facilities at Southern Road Recreation Ground.

### Resource Appraisals

3. SMS Environmental Ltd. have undertaken similar projects with local authorities and organisations. The initial proposal for Thame is identified within the presentation.

SMS Environmental Ltd. financial sponsorship proposal is:

- Construction Costs: Materials £9,000.00 + VAT  
Labour £6,000.00 + VAT
- Ongoing maintenance cost per annum: £5,000.00 + VAT

Thame Town Council financial contribution proposal is:

- Installation Costs: £36,243.21 + VAT  
Groundworks £8,000.00 + VAT  
Total sum £44,243.21 + VAT

The costs exclude the additional fee of installing fencing around the facility which would be required. A cost is being sought from a contractor by SMS Environmental Ltd. but would be part of the Council's contribution to the project.

4. The facility would be open to the public May – September. The area would be treated similar to a play area and inspected regularly by the Maintenance Team. SMS Environmental Ltd. as part of their sponsorship will undertake all aspects of the water management control relating to legionella risk and the monitoring regime is detailed in the presentation.

5. Funding for the facility would be by grant applications, sponsorship from local organisations, possible s106 / CIL monies, potential use of the Capital Receipts Reserve and other sources that may be identified.

**Legal Powers:** Localism Act 2011

**Recommendation:**

***That the Council:***

- i) Considers whether the splash pad project proposal is supported by the Council subject to funding being sought.***