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HYNDBURN BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF KEY DECISION

1. When Cabinet intends to make a key decision, details of the decision must be published at least 28 days before the meeting at which the decision is to be made.
2. If this is not possible, the decision can only be made if the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Officer has been informed.
3. A notice to this effect must be made available for public inspection and published on the Council's website.
4. In accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information (England) Regulations 2012, I confirm that I have been informed that the following decision is to be made by Cabinet on 6 December 2023.

Signed.....**Cllr Paddy Short**.....

Councillor Paddy Short, Chair of Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date.....**28th November 2023**.....

Summary of Key Decision

Decision Taker	Cabinet
Subject Matter	Hyndburn Leisure Request for Financial Support
Summary	To consider a request from the Council's leisure operator, Hyndburn Leisure, for financial support due to the extraordinary and unbudgeted increases in energy costs, and the increase in salary costs over the 5% budgeted costs as per the 2023/24 pay negotiations.

<p>Proposed recommendations</p>	<p>The Cabinet is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) note the request from Hyndburn Leisure for financial support of up to £700,000, and a copy of the request for support is included as an Appendix to this report. (2) approve a grant to Hyndburn Leisure of £490,000 in respect of the financial year 2023/2024 and notes that this qualifies as Service of Public Economic Interest (SPEI) Assistance pursuant to section 38 of the Subsidy Control Act 2022 as detailed in section 7 of the report below. (3) approve the payment of the £490,000 support to be funded from within the Council’s forecast revenue underspend in year for 2023/2024. (4) note that further financial support may be required by Hyndburn Leisure in the current and future years and note that the Council will be required to consider whether the provision of such support is consistent with the subsidy control principles before any decision is made in respect of the same. (5) support a proposal for the inclusion of a “one-off” budget allocation in the 2024/2025 revenue budget in respect of any further financial support that may be needed by the Leisure Trust.
<p>Reasons why compliance with the regulation to provide 28 days notice is impracticable</p>	<p>To provide certainty, as soon as possible, to the Leisure Trust regarding its finances for the remainder of the current year and for 2024/25 and to enable the Council to consider any potential commitments in 2024/25 within its normal Budget setting timetable</p>