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### HYNDBURN BOROUGH COUNCIL

#### NOTICE OF KEY DECISION – SPECIAL URGENCY

1. When Cabinet or an Officer intend to make a key decision, details of the decision must be published at least 28 days before the date on which the decision is to be made, in compliance with Rule D13 (Procedure Before Taking Key Decisions) of the Council's Constitution.
2. If this is not possible, the decision can only be made if the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been informed and five clear days have elapsed under Rule D15 (General Exception). A notice to this effect must be made available for public inspection and published on the Council's website giving reasons why it would be impracticable to defer the decision until it has been included in the next forward plan providing 28 days' notice of the decision.
3. Where it is not possible to comply with Rule D15 the decision can only be taken if the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee (or in their absence the Mayor or Deputy Mayor) has been obtained that the taking of the decision is urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred (Rule D16 Special Urgency). A notice to this effect must be made available for public inspection and published on the Council's website giving the reasons for urgency.
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 proposed to be made on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025 and that the next scheduled meeting of the Cabinet is not until 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

I have agreed that the following key decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred on the grounds set out below.

Signed.....**Councillor Noordad Aziz**.....

Councillor Noordad Aziz, Chair of Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date.....3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025.....

## Summary of Key Decision

<b>Decision Taker</b>	Cabinet – 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2025
<b>Subject Matter</b>	Hyndburn Leisure Financial Monitoring Position Qtr2 - April to September 2025/2026 and Payment of Annual Financial Subsidy for 2025/2026.
<b>Summary</b>	The report updates Cabinet on Hyndburn Leisure’s financial performance up to the end of September 2025 for the current financial year and seeks approval to pay a grant of £700,000 to Hyndburn Leisure in respect of the period 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026.
<b>Proposed recommendations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) That Cabinet notes the forecast financial position of Hyndburn Leisure at Q2 of the 2025/2026 financial year as shown in section 5 of the report.</li><li>(2) That Cabinet agrees to pay Hyndburn Leisure the sum of £700,000.00 by way of grant to support the provision of community leisure services in the Borough in respect of the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, subject to completion of a grant funding agreement in accordance with paragraph 3.6 of the report.</li></ol>
<b>Reason for Urgency</b>	The provision of community leisure activity is typically viewed as an important health and wellbeing benefit for the community. The financial support proposed to be provided to Hyndburn Leisure will be used to make repayments against current year debts owed to the Council. This subsidy payment is expected to enable Hyndburn Leisure to meet all debts due to the Council for the financial year 2025/2026. The decision will provide greater certainty over the continued provision of services by Hyndburn Leisure to mitigate the risks described in paragraph 6.1 of the report and cannot reasonably be deferred until January 2026