

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Town Hall, Assets & Services Committee Meeting		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	1st February 2024	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Town Hall Manager – Mark Worthington		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	Item 10: Paddling Pool designated Special Educational Needs (SEN) sessions		
Background	To align with our existing equality and inclusion policy CTC Officers are researching options for designated SEN sessions during the Paddling Pool season. Initial discussions have taken place between Officers and representatives of Ruby’s Fund to outline requirements to achieve successful SEN sessions.		
Update	<p>Following initial, ongoing discussions it was agreed any proposed Paddling Pool SEN sessions would need to be operated alongside an organisation such as Ruby’s Fund to allow the sessions to be accessed by residents who would most benefit from these sessions. Sessions would need to be closed to members of public during SEN sessions and operate with a reduced capacity. Organisations such as Ruby’s Fund would be responsible for coordinating attendees for each SEN session and providing CTC Officers with information relating to their booking. A recommendation during discussions was the need to hire a Revoloos - Vehicle for Change to enhance the Paddling Pool experience for all SEN sessions. While the vehicle was not essential to move forward with the proposal to have designated SEN sessions, it was a recommendation to enable access for all. Details and costs to hire the Vehicle for Change – Revoloos are below.</p> <p>If the only place you can use a toilet is your own home, this would greatly limit your mobility and independence. It would also pose a challenge if you wanted to plan activities and time away. Vehicles for Change – Revoloos attend a variety of events and festivals, including sports fixtures, music festivals, concerts, as well as being available to hire for private functions and individuals. Vehicles for Change - Revoloos provide fully accessible toilet facilities which enable people with disabilities and health conditions to attend and participate events with greater ease and comfort. This will help to ensure events are fully inclusive and accessible to everyone, regardless of their circumstances. The vehicles are all fitted with a lift to allow easy access inside the pod, a height adjustable changing table, toilet with grab rails, motorised</p>		

hoist, hot water, heat, and space for users and their carers to move around.

- Ideally, the vehicle would require access to an electric hook up but can operate for one day events without this if necessary. Vehicle operates with either a 16-amp industrial supply or a standard domestic 13amp (3 pin) supply.
- Each vehicle comes with an Attendant throughout the whole booking. The Attendant ensures the equipment is used safely, as well as keeping the unit clean and hygienic. Vehicles for Change supply all consumables, included disposable latex free gloves and hygienic wipes. The Attendant is not there to help the users when inside the vehicle.
- Vehicle requires an area similar to that of 4 x regular parking spaces, as level as possible. For this reason either Visyon, Riverside Offices or Daneside Theatre would need to be part of the discussion
- Attendant requires access to a mains toilet or sewer to dispose of waste. (We can use toilet at paddling pool)
- Vehicles are currently available to hire for the period we are interest in, 1 x day a week between 28th May and 1st September.

Breakdown of Costs	Costs
Vehicle and Attendant hire for up to 10 hours	£545.00
Mileage Surcharge	£195.00
Daily Total	£740.00
Total for 1 x day per week over 15-week paddling pool season	£11,100.00

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Financial	To be in accordance with allocated budgets and financial regulations
Environmental	To assess via the procurement process environmental impact and benefits
Equality	Help to ensure the Paddling Pool is fully inclusive and accessible to everyone, regardless of their circumstances.
Decision Request	To agree in principal to reserve dates throughout the Paddling Pool season for designated SEN sessions. To identify local organisations who wish to make use of the sessions and develop a plan to suit the needs of these organisations regarding booking, and additional facilities and requirements.