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Report Number: **OS/26/02**

**To:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
**Date:** 26 May 2026  
**Responsible Officers:** Ewan Green - Director of Strategy & Resources  
Andy Blaszkwicz – Director of Housing and Operations  
**Cabinet Member:** Mike Blakemore - Cabinet Member for Community & Collaboration  
Connor McConville - Cabinet Member for Assets & Local Government Reorganisation

**SUBJECT:** STRATEGIC APPROACH TO SPORT AND LEISURE:  
MARTELLO LAKES & HYTHE POOL

**SUMMARY:** This report provides an update on the emerging projects at Martello Lakes and Hythe Pool as part of the Council's strategic approach to addressing investment in sports and leisure provision in the district.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

To enable the Committee to consider the proposals for emerging projects at Martello Lakes and Hythe Pool.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. To receive and note report OS/26/02; and,
2. To consider the proposals for Martello Lakes and Hythe Pool and provide feedback for Cabinet and the Corporate Leadership Team.

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Sport and Leisure Strategy is an item on the Committee's Annual Workplan. Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report on the Strategic Leisure Approach on 27 January 2026. Please refer to item 39 on the meeting agenda:

[Agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday, 27th January, 2026, 6.00 pm | Folkestone & Hythe District Council](#)

- 1.2 Members of the Committee endorsed the Strategic Leisure Approach and agreed to receive further reports on the Martello Lakes and Hythe Pool projects. A presentation covering both projects is attached as the Appendix to this report.
- 1.3 Members are asked to consider the above and provide feedback to Cabinet and the Corporate Leadership Team.

## **2. LEGAL/FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS**

### **2.1 Legal Officer's Comments (EG)**

There are no direct legal implications arising from the report.

### **2.2 Finance Officer's Comments (DL)**

There are no financial implications arising from the report.

### **2.3 Diversities and Equalities Implications (EG)**

There are no direct diversity and equality implications arising from the report. Individual projects will be subject to Equalities Impact Screening as they progress.

### **2.4 Climate Change Implications (EG)**

There are no climate change implications arising from the report.

## **3. CONTACT OFFICERS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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## **Appendices**

**Appendix 1                      Presentation: Martello Lakes & Hythe Pool**