

In 2023 a structural inspection was carried out of Wem Swimming and Lifestyle Centre and one of the items that was highlighted as requiring attention were the metal stanchions outside the building that are showing signs of rust at the base where they meet the ground.

In 2023 the following recommendation was approved by full council

29.6.23

- **A break-down of the quote to clean down and repaint the main stanchions is obtained so that the work can be carried out over 2 years.**

Approved 18.7.24

However in 2024 unforeseen priority works arose which were to replace the hot water cylinder and the dangerous tiles around the pool edge, so stanchion painting was not progressed. In December 2024 the following recommendation from Wem Swimming and Lifestyle Centre Liaison Group was approved by Council

11.12.24

RESOLVED:- that the following changes are made to the Structural report action plan

Item 9 - Stanchion Cleaning and repainting, this item to be a priority for 2025-26.

£10,000 has been allocated in the 2025-26 budget for maintenance at the centre and based on the quotes received, if the Town Council were to choose the lowest quote this would only leave £1100 for any additional works that may be required in 2025-26.

One option would be to split the work over 2 years as originally intended so more funds would be available for other urgent works in the year.

Decision needed

Town Council to select preferred quote and consider whether to undertake the work over 1 or 2 years .