

Decarbonisation Funding

We are looking at putting in an application to the Decarbonisation fund to request funding for reducing the energy costs at the Swimming Centre (full details here [Phase 3c Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme | Salix Finance](#)). This would include the replacement of the current oil boiler with renewable energy sources. The fund is open to local authorities and having spoken to Salix they have confirmed that Wem Town Council would be eligible to apply for Wem Swimming Pool. We are working with a company at the moment who are putting together the options to reduce our energy costs using a 'whole building approach'. We should have this in the next week so we can assess whether the project is possible.

The funding is awarded on a first come first service basis subject to project approval by Salix so there is a time pressure with this. The main reason for me letting you know about this is that the application needs to come from Wem Town Council via the Decarbonisation fund portal. So we would need your support and assistance with this. If the Town council doesn't already have a Salix account you would need to register here to set this up ready [Create new account | Salix Finance](#)

Details of the fund application are attached (we would be providing everything needed for the application) along with details of salix's authorisation requirements.

At the moment I don't have any figures as they are being worked on. Once we know the full project costs we will be able to assess whether we have the funds available to meet the contribution required by Salix. If the project comes back as unaffordable we will have to rethink. But as there is a time pressure for this I just want to make sure we are in a position to apply if we can.

If the application was successful this would obviously be positive for both Wem Town Council & the Swimming Centre.

Please get in touch if you have any questions on the above.

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