

# Corporate Complaint (31/12/23)

## What is your complaint?

This is a complaint against Fenella Merry, Director of Finance.

In this council report:

<https://cabnet.richmond.gov.uk/documents/s500007852/Health%20Suite%20report.pdf>

The Director of Finance says:

*"There is £187,000 approved budgetary provision in the Council's capital programme for the approved works. The approved capital budget is insufficient for the estimated cost to deliver Option 1. £23,000 of further funding would be required to be identified if this is option is chosen. Option 2 is the recommended option, and it can be delivered from within the existing approved budget."*

This is a false statement. There is NO approved budget for Option 2, only for Option 1, since the approved budget is named as "Pools on the Park - Health Suite Refurbishment" and has been since February 2022.

The word "refurbishment" has a very clear meaning to improve or renew equipment or decoration. It certainly does not mean conversion of a room to a different purpose.

## What do you think we should do to put things right?

Withdraw the proposal since it is invalid and should NOT have been brought to the ESCS committee on 7 November 2023.