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Safety work should come before a new Council magazine, say Lib Dems

Stratford District Council's Cabinet is being asked how to spend extra budget money – with choices including a new Council magazine for residents and important safety and maintenance work at the Council's swimming pools.

At the Cabinet meeting on Monday 7th September the Conservative Cabinet will be asked to decide how to spend £77,000 that has been 'found' within the Council's budget. Several departments have put in bids for the funds, including a request for £50,000 for a new council publication for residents.

At the same time the report to the Cabinet highlights the need for Legionella work at three leisure centres, as well as glass replacement at Stratford Leisure and Visitor Centre and new sand filters at Studley Leisure Centre.

The Lib Dems have criticised the paper sponsored by the Portfolio Holder for Resources. 'It took us a long time to persuade the Conservatives to kill off the Council's glossy 'Review' magazine – and now here it is again', said Cllr Hazel Wright, Leader of the Liberal Democrats on Stratford District Council. 'Surely there are better ways to spend Taxpayers' money, especially when there's a shortage of wheelie bins and work is needed to keep our Leisure Centres safe and sound'.

Notes:

Stratford District Council – Cabinet Agenda papers for 7th September, Agenda item 8 (paper on new Council publication: item 8, Appendix 1).

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