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A summary of comments made by the public	Response from the Council
<p>I am against this because the council already have an extra 30p they put on last year to pay for this where is this money now and why should we pay more and also why should band d properties pay twice for this. I do believe that the town council keep taking on things from ELDC and ask the residents for more money but we do not get a rebate from ELDC when they hive off their assets to the town is this just our Town Clerk making his empire bigger I think that it is only a small number of town councillors and the town clerk that decide what is happening and not the full council who seem to be like sheep and just follow what they are told.</p>	<p>The figures projected for the Pavilion site in last year's 4-year budget forecast have been reduced to reflect smaller scale plans for the site. These are now lower in cost to the ratepayer than what was agreed last year. However, this year's budget forecast now includes Amenity Grass Cutting which together with inflationary costs has offset the saving. The Council has still been able to propose a below inflation increase this year as one of the options in the budget consultation.</p> <p>Decisions taken in respect of the Pavilion have been made by Full Council at every stage and often unanimously supported. The Property Task and Finish Group and Officers work to both implement those decisions and bring forward proposals for the Council to consider.</p> <p>No assets have been transferred to Skegness Town Council yet, but if some are transferred in future, any expenditure currently made by the transferring authority in respect of these assets will be removed from their budget and Council Tax. This is already the practice where assets transferred in other towns and parishes in East Lindsey has occurred.</p>
<p>The current building is an eyesore on the site of tower gardens, a popular park used by residents & visitors. A community hall would be an asset for all.</p>	<p>The Council agrees</p>
<p>It sounds the same as the failed bid? Why are you proposing to do what you have already failed to achieve?</p>	<p>The new proposals are completely different to those that formed that basis of the unsuccessful Coastal Community Fund Bid.</p>
<p>I believe the town council have the determination, ambition and understanding to take this project forward, not only will it house the town council but also provide a much needed quality and accessible community space. We need to raise aspirations and ambitions to develop projects such as this, sadly many of our existing community usage buildings are of poor design and or quality and do not provide suitable facilities ,as a born and bred resident of Skegness I wholeheartedly support this proposal. It's imperative that residents recognise that investments such as this will help provide longer term investment in</p>	<p>The Council really appreciate this kind of response</p>

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<p>the town and help with enabling organisations to work together to build on and enhance what's already in place within our community. Many residents fear change which sadly holds our town back- we should welcome this proposal with open arms and get 100% behind the town council.</p>	
<p>It is absolutely scandalous that Skegness Council should even consider spending its time and money on itself whilst neglecting other urgent areas that need attention. There are many empty properties in the town that could be used by the Council at much less cost. Tower Gardens should be a tourist attraction and should be maintained as a building of historical interest.</p>	<p>The project is not about providing accommodation for the Council. It will provide community space and will provide a sympathetically designed building to replace the much-loved Pavilion which cannot be saved.</p>
<p>As a Resident of Skegness, I do not think ELDC have the best interests of the town in mind when making decisions. Local Councillors are the best people to decide the future of the Pavilion and it is hoped that they listen to the townspeople and that the outcome benefits the residents of Skegness.</p>	<p>The Council want to make the best decision for the people of Skegness and are listening to both supportive and non-supportive views.</p>
<p>For what is really a parish council this project is far too big, far too risky and far too dependent on commercial acumen that parish councils and local government officers rarely display. If asbestos is found on the site £1.5 million will barely cover the cost of demolition? never mind building as well. From the outset I believe there will be large (and if asbestos is found, colossal) cost overruns that the Council will keep finding more ratepayer money for to cover up. It will be a white elephant that local households will be paying for decades. You are staring financial disaster in the face. Why not just be an economical town council that saves its money for important, life and death, services when they are inevitably withdrawn. You are cashing in the family silver and going into terrifying debt to buy civic baubles and bangles. Leave ELDC to deal with the site and leave local ratepayers' money in local ratepayers' pockets where you can, if and when necessary, call on it when things really get bad. There's MUCH worse to come. This is not a time to be committing local money, irretrievably and for</p>	<p>Many Parish Councils have undertaken similar sized projects including some large projects in significantly smaller parishes than Skegness. Research has been undertaken to look at a wide range of community buildings constructed by Parish Councils and how they went about it.</p> <p>An asbestos survey was previously carried out and the Council is aware of the extent of the presence of asbestos and the associated costs of removal. The cost of demolition, even with asbestos present, will be a small fraction of £1.5 million.</p> <p>The Council would likely enter into a Design and Build contract, with a fixed price, so that no cost overruns would fall on the Council.</p> <p>Currently the Council can obtain borrowing rates at historically low levels which will be fixed for the entire term of repayment. These rates are lower than both the current and 30-year historic rate of inflation. This means that the cost of the building will be much lower in real terms than the initial cost indicates.</p>

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<p>decades, to parks, pavilions and cutting other councils' grass</p>	
<p>Much needed improvement to an important Skegness heritage asset for the benefit of the community.</p>	<p>The Council agrees with your views thank you.</p>
<p>I do not agree Skegness Town Council should put our rate payers into paying a possible increase of £80 per year per household for the next thirty years. This project is not needed by the Town Council, they could carry on in the offices they have, and use any of the large rooms available for their monthly meeting. (Church Farm Museum) have a conference room more than adequate, the cost approximately £100 per month.</p>	<p>The Council does not recognise the figure of an £80 increase per year per ratepayer and so this is either a misunderstanding or misinformation. The Council's projected precept increase for 2018/19 and which is also out for consultation has options between £2.19 and £3.60 per annum for a Band D property (between 4p and 7p per week). Most people would pay less than this.</p> <p>This reason for the project is not to provide Council offices as mentioned in previous responses.</p>
<p>This is needed we need to look to the future not the past</p>	<p>The Council is trying to plan for the future of Skegness and improve facilities. This is being done by addressing issues raised in the Community Led Plan, getting local Planning Policy right through the development of a Neighbourhood Plan and taking direct action, such as the Pavilion site, where it can.</p>
<p>Skegness Town Council have a duty to the residents, they were elected by the residents but seem to want to spend our money on a building that will cost "us" a lot of money over a lot of years! Years ago the Town council had a small office for the clerk and secretary and the Mayors parlour.</p>	<p>Skegness Town Council would occupy less than 20% of the building with less overall space than it currently occupies in the Town Hall. The Council see the building as in investment for the people of Skegness.</p>
<p>IF SOMTHING IS NOT DONE WE SHALL HAVE A HEAP OF ROTTEN WOOD IN THAT CORNER, LETS HAVE SOMTHING ALL PEOPLE CAN MAKE USE OF</p>	<p>The Council want to do something that will benefit residents of Skegness.</p>
<p>I agree with Skegness Town Council taking control of the site, but can't see what use we will get from a hall and meeting room, unless the Council intend to use them for their own benefit. Also, if we need another cafe, why not rent the site to a private speculator. I think £1.5 million could be put to a better use.</p> <p>Why and what for we have the same spaces at the Village that are under used , the same at</p>	<p>Previous consultation with Community Groups indicated that existing provision is not meeting their needs or is too expensive. During several consultations undertaken previously about the Pavilion site, many people put a community café at or near the top of their list.</p>

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<p>the store house that's under used and as for the council offices on park Ave over half of it is mothballed and now your going to spend more money on what another white elephant</p>	
<p>I think that in its current state the building is an eye sore and has accident waiting to happen written all over it. I feel that space within the building could with careful consideration be put to a multitude where f uses and be a practical practice space for local performers and still be useful for a number of other small community based hobby's that need meeting space but can't always afford the cost in renting spaces. I think that there would also be possibilities for money to be generated to cover costs from amenities that the building could provide to visitors.</p>	<p>The Council will be consulting with the public and groups to make sure it meets community needs.</p>