

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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Wards Affected	All but particularly William Knibb	21 st June 2017	
Title	SWIMMING POOL TASK AND FINISH GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To agree the arrangements for, and timetable of, a Task and Finish group on swimming pool options.

2. INFORMATION

2.1. At the last meeting, this Committee agreed to establish a Task and Finish Group to examine the case for a replacement swimming pool, in the following terms:-

- i) That a Task and Finish Group be convened to obtain evidence from relevant parties in relation to the viability of a new swimming pool for Kettering; and*
- ii) Upon completion of the Task and Finish Group to assess, based on the evidence gathered, whether to recommend to the Executive Committee that a feasibility study into the construction of a new swimming pool be commissioned*

2.2. This report sets out more detailed terms of reference and a proposed timetable an course of action.

2.3. The membership of the Task and Finish Group is the whole of the Research and Development Committee.

2.4. The proposed terms of reference are:-

- To consider the policy framework for swimming facilities in the Borough and North Northamptonshire
- To seek evidence from swimming pool users, swimming clubs, operators and owners as to:-
 - The desirable features of a swimming facility and associated leisure offers
 - Issues of location, price, accessibility, demand and provision which would help determine decisions about an investment in new or improved facilities
 - Experience of , and options in place for financing the provision and management of facilities

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- To examine how other swimming pools are paid for and managed and what issues informed the decisions of those which have been more recently provided.
- In the light of that information gathering, to consider more detailed costings for a replacement swimming pool, compared to the benefits of investing in the existing one, financing options in relation to various options, and
- Make recommendations to the Executive Committee accordingly

2.5. It is proposed that evidence should be sought from the following groups and organisations:-

- Kettering Amateur Swimming Club;
- Kettering Water Polo Club;
- Mums and Tots Group;
- Members and casual users of the Pool, including schools;
- Gym members and casual users of the Gym;
- School Councils;
- Sport England

It is also considered beneficial to develop a questionnaire that can be used to gain views and opinions of local residents of the Borough. The questionnaire could be completed at events and other appropriate venues as well as on the www.kettering.gov.uk website.

2.6. It is proposed that the following pools could be visited by the Task and Finish Group

New Swimming Pools

Place	Facilities	Cost	Age	Contact provider
Hinckley & Bosworth LC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Lane x 25 metre pool • Moveable pool floor • Wet play and splash area • Café and soft play • Gym • Dance studio • Sauna & Steam room • 8 court sports hall 	15m	May 2016	Places for People
Sparkhill LC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Lane x 25 metre pool • Learner Pool • 80 station gym • Dance studio 	7.5m	Summer 2017	Places for People

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Café • Community Room • Sauna & Steam Room 			
Wigston LC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Lane x 25 metre • 60 station gym • Sauna 	4m	December 2015	Everyone Active
Perdiswell LC (Worcester)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Lane x 25 metre pool • Teaching pool • 284 spectator seating • 120 gym station • Spin studio • 3 Fitness studios • 2 Teaching Rooms 	10.5m	January 2017	Freedom Leisure
Wyre Forest LC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Lane x 25 metre pool • Learner Pool • Dance Studio • Sports Hall • Climbing Wall • Fitness Suite • 6 Badminton Courts 	11.9m	July 2016	Places for People
Kidlington and Gosford LC (Cherwell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 lane x 25 metre pool • 50 Station Gym • Training Room • 4 court Sports Hall • 2 Squash Courts • Sauna & Steam Room 	7m	2008	Legacy Leisure
Spiceball LC (Banbury)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Lane x 25 metre pool • 150 Station gym • 8 Court Sportshall • Spin Studio • Soft Play area • Spa • Café 	16m	2008	Legacy Leisure

Swimming Pool refurbishment

Place	Refurbishment Project	Cost	Date and Timescale	Contact provider
Aldershot LC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New changing rooms • New cubicles • LED Lighting • Ceilings • Accessible Changing Rooms 	£100,000	Aug 2016 3 Weeks	Places for People

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool Hall Ceiling 			
Faversham LC (Kent)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showers • Toilets • Changing Rooms 	£200,000	Jan 2017 3 Months	Local Authority
Basingstoke LC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing rooms to village style • Fitness gym refurbishment 	200,000	Feb 2016 1 Month	Basingstoke and Deane Community Leisure Trust
Bicester LC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ten Pin Bowling • 100 Station Gym • 6 Lane x 25 metre pool • Wet Change • 3 Studios • Cafe • Various other facilities 	8m	2008	Legacy Leisure
Woodgreen LC (Banbury)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 55 Station Gym • Reception/ Library • 2 Dance Studios • Dry Change • 50m Outdoor Pool • Aqua splash and slide 	£1.2m dryside £5m wetside	2009	Legacy Leisure
Parklands LC (Oadby)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Lane x 25 metre pool • Dance Studio • Spin Studio • 8 Court Sports Hall • 115 Gym Station 	4m	Jan 2015 12 Months	Everyone Active

2.7. Assuming agreement on the above points, a likely timetable would be:-

- Taking evidence from local groups and schools – July-September 2017 (up to 4 meetings.)
- Visits to other pools – say 10 trips – July-November 2017
- Consideration of evidence collected and information from visits December 2017
- Report to Research and Development Committee – Jan/Feb 2018
- Report to Executive Committee – March 2018

3. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Task and Finish Group will need to consider the policy objectives that are best served by investment in swimming facilities.

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4. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT

4.1. This will be for the Task and Finish Group to consider.

5. FINANCE and HR RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1. The recommendations of the review will be a factor in future budget setting.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1. The Council has a duty to properly consider the impacts of its decisions on third party organisations, in this case, the contractor currently running the pool.

7. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to establish a Task and Finish Group from 1st July 2017, to conduct, in line with the timetable and terms of reference proposed in this report.

Background Papers:

None

Previous Reports/Minutes:

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