



Belfast City Council

Report to: Parks and Leisure Committee

Subject: **Temporary Closures at Whiterock Leisure Centre
Essential Repair Work**

Date: 14 November 2013

Reporting Officer: Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure

Contact Officer: Adrian Walker, Leisure Operations Manager

1.	Relevant Background Information			
	<p>Property Maintenance has identified a number of upgrade projects within the leisure estate and work has been on going over the last twelve months. The works outlined below are considered essential maintenance to sustain the delivery of the Leisure Service.</p>			
	Centre	Proposed Work	Proposed Start	Proposed Duration
	Whiterock Leisure Centre	Replace the floor coverings to the male and female wet changing & shower areas	Jan 2014	6-8 weeks

2.	Key Issues
	<p>A contractor will be appointed to carry out works on the male and female wet changing rooms. It is estimated that the works will start week commencing 6 January 2014. At this stage it is anticipated that the changing rooms remain closed until 24 February 2014.</p> <p>Due to the dry changing rooms being located on a different floor it is not practical to utilise this option for the purposes of maintaining a pool function, consequently, it is recommended that the pool will be closed for a period of six to eight weeks.</p>

	Where possible swimming lessons, schools and clubs will be relocated to other venues. Members of the public will also be advised of the temporary closure and requested to use other pools near- by for example Falls, Andersonstown and Olympia Leisure Centre.
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3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u> This maintenance project is being fully funded from the Council's Facilities Management Budget.</p> <p>The swimming pool area is required to close when the maintenance work is being carried out and this will result in a loss of income for the centre.</p> <p>It is estimated that the loss of income this financial year will be £6,800 (over the length of closure)</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> With the pool closures lifeguard staff will not be required to work any additional hours and management will liaise with Human Resources to see if any staff can be temporarily redeployed to another site.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> The proposals will ensure that the facilities remain safe for public use.</p>

4.	Equality Implications
	There are no equality or good relations implications associated with the recommendations from this report.

5.	Recommendations
	<p>It is recommended that Committee approve;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The temporary closure of swimming pool provision at Whiterock Leisure Centre in order to facilitate the necessary maintenance works to be undertaken.

6.	Decision Tracking
	Responsible Officer: Leisure Operations Manager.

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	None

8.	Documents Attached
	None