

Belfast City Council

Subject:	Swimming Pool Testing and Service level agreement
Date:	10th April 2018
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Restricted Reports				
Is this report restricted?	Yes		No	X
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?				
After Committee Decision				
After Council Decision				
Some time in the future				
Never				

Call-in				
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes	Х	No	

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	Belfast City Council owns, funds and retains strategic responsibility for the overall service
	delivery for all Leisure Centres. The Council has appointed Active Belfast Ltd (hereinafter
	referred to as "ABL") to act as its Strategic Operating Partner. ABL reports to the Council
	through the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.
1.2	As the Council's Strategic Operating Partner, ABL is responsible for overseeing the direct
	delivery and development of the service in compliance with the terms and conditions of the
	contract which includes performance monitoring and reporting.

1.3	As the appointed Strategic Service Provider, Greenwich Leisure Ltd (GLL) is contracted by
	ABL to manage the Council's leisure centres and deliver the service as set out in the
	partnership documentation.
1.4	The Environmental Health Service has traditionally sampled Belfast City Council pools for
	bacteriological analysis on an informal basis for many years to help provide advice and
	reassurance regarding pool hygiene for users. This process, whilst not guaranteed on a
	monthly basis, is of benefit to all and it was felt that this arrangement should be formalised.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to;
	Consider and endorse the draft Service Level Agreement between Greenwich Leisure
	Ltd and Belfast City Council with regard to swimming pool testing and authorise the
	Director of City and Neighbourhood Services to sign the agreement on the Council's
	behalf.
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3.0	Key Issues
3.1	This agreement outlines the arrangement between Greenwich Leisure Ltd and the City and
	Neighbourhood Services Department of Belfast City Council.
3.2	The objectives of this agreement are:
	1. To establish the roles of both parties;
	2. To establish an agreed level of response and performance target;
	3. To set out the financial arrangements
3.3	Belfast City Council shall provide suitably competent and trained staff to sample the
	swimming pools and spa pools in premises run by GLL on a monthly basis and report their
	findings to GLL.
3.4	GLL will provide points of contact for reporting swimming pool test results and ensure that all
	invoices issued by the Council are paid. The charges are based on a cost recovery basis
	and are detailed in Appendix 2.
3.5	The document has been reviewed by the Council's Legal Services Department.

	Financial & Resource Implications
3.6	The costs for sampling is contained in Appendix 2 of the SLA.
	Equality or Good Relations Implications
3.7	There are no relevant equality considerations associated with the delivery of the service level
	agreement.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1: Draft Service level agreement between Greenwich Leisure Ltd and Belfast City
	Council with regard to swimming pool testing
	Appendix 2: GLL Pool Test Costings