

Swimming Provision in Borough Service Action Plan

Recommendation 1:

That the Overview and Scrutiny be provided with the leisure centre review report and be engaged with the:

- Next steps on leisure centre contract extension; and
- Public consultation and procurement of new leisure contract

Comments from Service:

Action	Owner(s)	Deadline
The Leisure Estate Investment Plan to be published and shared with Overview and Scrutiny committee via the LBTH website	Judith St. John / Michael Coleman	02/02/22
Leisure Centre Contract extension next steps This contract extension for the next 2 years (to April 2024) is subject to a deed of variation, which includes the existing terms and conditions of the contract.	Judith St. John	28/02/22
The outcomes of the consultation on Options for Leisure Services are in an appendix to the leisure estate investment plan and published on the LBTH website. The procurement of the new leisure management contract from May 2024 will be subject to a Cabinet report in June / July 2022	Judith St. John / Michael Coleman	02/02/22 June / July 22

Recommendation 2:

That the council examines and supports options for catch up swimming sessions for children who missed lessons because of lockdown and review viability of different swimming programmes offered and how these would be reinstated. That the Mayor should review the budget so that swimming provisions (pre Covid-19) can be reinstated

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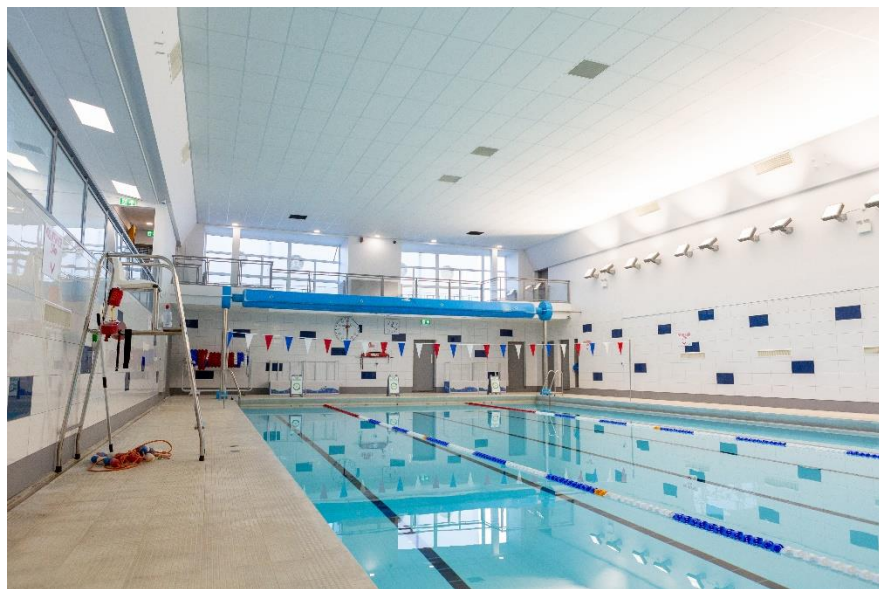
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<p>A Programme of Intensive swimming lessons to be organised during school holiday programmes dependent on need as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October Half-term 2021 (completed) • February Half-term 2022 • Easter holidays 2022 <p>The October Half-term pilot was extremely successful. Over 300 children, many of whom were new to swimming, benefited from the innovative intensive swimming programme. GLL is currently finalising the February Half-term and Easter holiday programmes.</p> <p>However, with York Hall due to re-open in April, it is anticipated that demand / need for these sessions will decrease. Future sessions will be demand led.</p> <p>Tiller Leisure Centre received a significant £500k upgrade with an enhanced swimming pool hall, centre redecoration and upgraded gym. The centre reopened on 3rd January 2022.</p> <p>Reopening Tiller leisure centre results in three swimming pools being available for use, significantly increasing the borough's swimming capacity. This will relieve the pressure on Mile End Park & Poplar Leisure Centres by relocating Isle of Dogs bookings back to Tiller Leisure Centre.</p> <p>The capital improvement works to York Hall Leisure Centre is ongoing and on track for re-opening in April 2022.</p>	<p>Lisa Pottinger/ Phil Kemp (GLL)</p>	<p>End of Academic Year (July 2022)</p>

At present there is one school that requires additional support accessing swimming lessons. This school and others that have identified children who have missed the in-school swimming lessons will be prioritised for intensive holiday swimming lessons and free transport support to open swimming pools to facilitate continued school swimming.

GLL is currently working with schools to support access to swimming lessons by creating extra capacity by reprogramming the existing swimming pools and delivering intensive swimming sessions in addition to the standard 'wet programme'

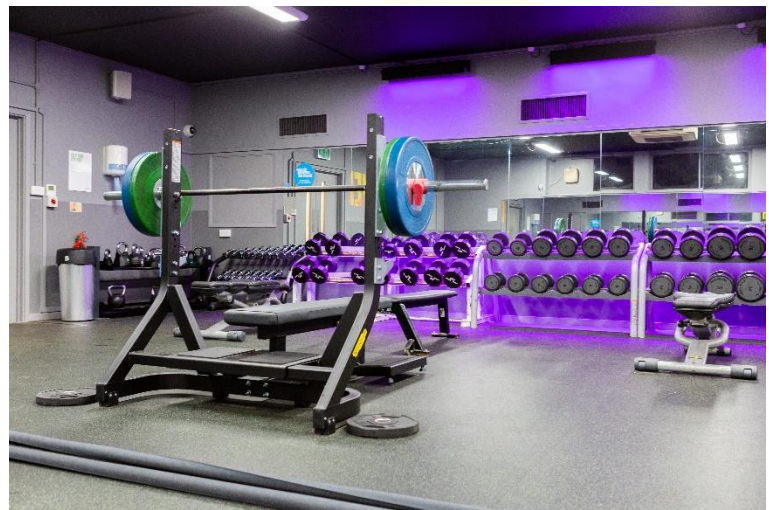
Photographs of the Refurbished Tiller Leisure Centre

Swimming Pool Hall



Gym Equipment and Enhanced Decoration and Lighting

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<p>Recommendation 3: Greenwich Leisure Ltd and the council to explore promptly how to address the travel challenges faced by schools in the borough so that children can access swimming provision</p>		
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<p>Funding to enable schools to access free transport to and from the leisure centre of their choice for school swimming lessons has been secured until the end of the financial year.</p> <p>Tiller Leisure Centre has re-opened and it is anticipated that York Hall Leisure Centre will re-open in April 2022. This will significantly increase swimming capacity in the borough.</p> <p>To date the majority of school swimming lessons have been accommodated in the borough's swimming pools or at pools in neighbouring boroughs, with one school currently unable to access swimming lessons.</p> <p>Further funding opportunities for free travel for these schools will be explored for the new financial year and ongoing.</p>	<p>Judith St. John / Steve Nyakatawa</p>	<p>Complete July 2022</p>
<p>Recommendation 4: The council to consider if covid funding or reserves can be used to support swimming provision</p>		
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<p>Submission of an application for Covid funding to support swimming provision in the borough will be considered alongside other applications.</p>	<p>Lisa Pottinger (Head of Sport & Physical Activity)</p>	<p>28/01/22</p>

<p>Recommendation 5</p> <p>The council to examine the different options of keeping St Georges Pool on existing site, noting the strong lobby from residents and cross party support to keep the pool where it is. That details of financial planning for reopening St George's is shared transparently with the Committee</p>		
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<p>The Leisure Estate Investment Plan considers several development options for both the St. George's Leisure Centre and John Orwell Sport Centre sites. It also considers financing the short and long term investment in the leisure estate.</p> <p>This report will be submitted for Cabinet decision on 9th February and a decision regarding the various options for provision in the south west will be made at that time.</p>	<p>Judith St. John / Michael Coleman</p>	<p>09/02/22</p>
<p>A decision to re-open St. George's Leisure Centre has not been made, nor has future financing of the leisure centres, and this will be shared with the committee once a decision has been made by Cabinet (9th February) and initial financing of the leisure estate has been approved.</p>	<p>Judith St. John / Michael Coleman</p>	<p>09/02/22</p>

Recommendation 6		
<p>The council to develop a long-term capital investment strategy for leisure centres to ensure that they can be maintained to good standards including where needed major refurbishments. This should also include establishing a Lido and other new swimming provision in the borough. Leisure provision in Borough for the future should consider taking the projected rise in the population on board</p>		
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The Leisure Estate Investment Plan will include a proposal to develop a long-term investment strategy for the borough's leisure centres. Cabinet will make a decision on the future investment in the leisure centres on 9 th February.	Michael Coleman	09/2/22
<p>A Lido is one of the options that is being considered but no decision on lido provision in the borough has been made at this point.</p> <p>It should be noted that a lido is not an equivalent leisure centre space for swimming provision. Lidos particularly appeal to adult fitness swimmers and do not meet the wider needs of school and family swimming, especially as a learning to swim environment.</p> <p>At a time of increasing utility costs, lido provision is likely to be prohibitively expensive but will be considered alongside other options, in terms of cost and community benefit</p>	Michael Coleman	

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Recommendation 7 GLL and council communications to assist with wider reach to parents, dispelling myths swimming in the winter season will cause colds and better visibility of consultations		
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Public Health and Healthy Schools colleagues have regular contact with schools to determine how this should be taken forwards. We will undertake a piece work with Public Health and Healthy Schools colleagues to include messaging on this issue with existing parental engagement	Healthy Schools / Public Health (TBC)	End of Academic Year (July 2022)