

## **OPBN - Leisure Centre 'Schools Out' Holiday Provision – Update and Future Options**

Nottingham City Council Sport, Community & Leisure has had a positive working partnership with Notts County Football in the Community (NCFITC) since 2011 to deliver 'Schools Out'; the city's successful school holiday activity programme for 8 – 15 year olds.

Schools Out runs from city leisure facilities, operating up to 55 days a year, offering 230 daily places at 5 locations, equating to 12,650 attendances per year. The scheme charges £1 a day for this provision, which supports low cost, affordable access to childcare provision, especially working parents.

The existing partnership arrangement and Big Lottery funding to NCFITC finishes in March 2015, meaning that the last delivery of Schools Out will be during February Half Term 2015.

Is the Schools Out programme and the partnership with NCFITC something that the council would like to see the continuation of? If not, the partnership will come to a natural end and conclusion in March 2015. If so, then there are some questions and options to consider.

The council has been working with NCFITC supporting them with a new Big Lottery funding submission to provide similar provision for 2016 – 2019. However competition for funding is high, so the probability is low, and even if this new bid was to be successful, then any new provision would not start until April 2016, leaving a 12 month gap in delivery.

Discussion has taken place about what a revised offer might look like at city leisure centres from April 2015 taking into account offering some provision of service at the highest peak times for delivery. If the council would like to continue delivery under the existing partnership arrangement with NCFITC, then there is the commitment and willingness to do so from NCFITC, as long as Portland Leisure Centre can continue to be considered as part of the offer going forward. The total cost for a 12 month offer is £85,000. Proposal as follows:

Five leisure facilities:

- Clifton LC (capacity – 50)
- John Carroll LC (capacity – 30)
- Southglade LC (capacity – 50)
- Minver Crescent (capacity – 50)
- Portland Centre (capacity – 50)

Reduced x46 day programme operating in peak holiday periods

- 7 days in April - Easter
- 4 days in May - May Half Term
- 25 days in July/August - Summer
- 10 days in October – October

Cost, Capacity & Activity

- 7 hours activity per day - 9am till 4pm
- 230 places every day
- 10,580 individual attendances
- Costs : £85,000 per year; equating to £8.03 per child per day, or £1.15 per hour

The full cost of a one year extension (£85K) shall be obtained from a corporate contingency request to the value of £50K as well as £35K from a vacant Sport & Leisure post.