

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Adult Learn to Swim Pilot
Total Value:	£50,420 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) To approve the implementation of the Adult Learn to Swim Pilot.2) To accept the £35,320 grant awarded to Nottingham City Council by Sport England to help deliver this pilot project, with an additional contribution of £15,100 from the Sport and Leisure department budget.3) To approve expenditure to deliver the pilot as detailed in the financial summary (to include marketing, staffing, training, swimming equipment).
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>Swimming is in decline nationally and this pilot seeks to positively impact upon participation by providing those most likely to require swimming lessons with a learning opportunity that is appealing, affordable and accessible. The pilot will also help the service to better understand the relationship around the 'bridge' between swimming lessons and longer term swimming habits.</p> <p>The pilot will target 16-25 year olds and provide free access to two x 10 week programmes where the participants can either formally learn to swim, or can swim in a more supportive environment with poolside helpers available.</p> <p>Confirmed delivery sites for the pilot are John Carroll, Clifton, Victoria and Southglade Leisure Centres, with delivery commencing in January 2016.</p> <p>The expected project outputs are to deliver a combination of formal and informal swimming sessions to 360 participants between January and May 2016, to be delivered by existing Sport and Leisure colleagues. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis provided the participants meet the age criteria set out. Monitoring and evaluation of the Pilot will take place and further discussions will be held with Sport England dependant on outcomes with respect to any future delivery of the project.</p> <p>The project will provide the opportunity to drive business performance, encouraging longer term participation in swimming, improved sustainability and supporting delivery of the MTFP.</p>

Briefing notes documents:	Learn to swim pilot 2015010486 Notts CC LTS.pdf, LTS adult pilot costs.xlsx
Other Options Considered:	Not to accept the funding - this option was rejected as it would result in losing the opportunity to influence the success of the pilot and shape future delivery of funded projects.
Background Papers:	None
Published Works:	None
Affected Wards:	Citywide
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	None
Equality:	Please login to the system to view the EIA document: Equality Impact Assessment - Adult Learn to swim 16-25 year olds.doc
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	24/12/2015
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Equality and Diversity

Legal Advice:

The proposals in this report raise no significant legal issues and are supported. Grant funding has been awarded by Sport England for the delivery of this pilot project alongside an additional financial contribution from the Sport and Leisure Department. There are a number of conditions posed by Sport England upon the award which are detailed in the grant letter. The report author is aware of these and the need to comply with them to minimise any risk of future clawback. Legal services will assist as and when required to ensure continued compliance with the requirements of the grant whilst delivering the project.

Advice provided by Dionne Claire Screamon (Solicitor) on 07/12/2015.

Finance Advice:

1.The cost of this decision is £50,420 - this will be funded from £35,320 Sport England grant and £15,100 match funding from the existing Sport revenue budget.

2.Approval to spend the grant as per the grant submission as stated within this report.

3.The terms of the grant are standard and do not give rise to concerns over deliverability.

4.The recommendations should have a positive impact on the achievement of Medium Term Financial Plan, as this scheme is aimed at encouraging participation in swimming and should assist in achieving the swim income targets.

Advice provided by Steve Ross (Finance Analyst) on 30/11/2015.

Equality and Diversity Advice:

Any marketing plan for each of the protected groups identified will need to ensure that non-traditional routes are included e.g. specialist press, local community groups, community radio (i.e. Radio Fiza or Kemet etc). It will also be important to monitor take up at specific intervals to ensure that marginalised groups are taking part and, where not, interventions can be put in place.

Advice provided by Adisa Djan (Equalities and Diversity Consultant) on 02/12/2015.

Signatures

David Trimble (Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture)

SIGNED and Dated: 15/12/2015

Andrew Vaughan (Corporate Director Commercial and Operations)

SIGNED and Dated: 09/12/2015