

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 multi-sport activity programme for 8 – 15 year olds.

The Schools Out provides a regular schedule of diversionary activities across the city. Addressing levels of anti-social behaviour and reducing the potential for crime through providing opportunities to engage in positive activities. Operating in the city's 'high impact' areas, the programme provides a much needed low cost affordable holiday provision for families within Nottingham City.

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 was extremely high and although having received positive feedback throughout and application getting through to the final stages was eventually unsuccessful. Therefore, to enable continuation of the programme further funding is required from another source. Without funding, the programme will cease to operate, having a negative impact on Nottingham citizens in respect to limiting options for low cost affordable holiday provision available in the city.

Schools Out runs from city leisure facilities, operating approximately 50 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 total cost for a 12 month offer is £83,333.50, equating to £7.25 per child per day.

Five leisure facilities:

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

50 day programme operating in peak holiday periods

- 10 days in April - Easter
- 5 days in May - May Half Term
- 20 days in July/August - Summer Holidays
- 10 days in October – October Half Term
- 5 days in February Half Term

Cost, Capacity & Activity

- 7 hours activity per day - 9am till 4pm
- 230 places every day
- 11,500 individual attendances
- Costs : £83,333.50 per year

The total annual cost of the scheme (2017-2018), which uses city facilities is **£82,333.50 (50 days)**. **A contingency request of £55,733.50 has been granted** meaning the additional **£26,600** is met through the existing partnership with NCFITC and sport & leisure operational budget. The delivery occurring at Portland Leisure Centre, also part of the whole scheme, is provided at no cost to the city council.