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## **SUMMER PLAYScheme SWIMMING PROVISION (Minute 390/00)**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provided details of the summer playscheme swimming programme proposed for the school summer holidays.

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 This will be the third year the Council has provided swimming sessions during the school summer holidays using school swimming pools. Last year saw a rise in participants from 1,434 children attending to 2,791. It is hoped that even more children will participate this year.

### **3 PROPOSALS**

- 3.1 All of the schools that participated last year proved to be popular venues with good attendances at all of the sessions. Based on that, and responses from the previous year, the same schools were contacted with a view to taking part again this year. All of them, with the exception of Westerings Primary School in Hawkwell, have been very positive. Unfortunately, the pool at Westerings has suffered damage due to the heavy rainfalls experienced earlier in the year and has been condemned.
- 3.2 Doggetts Primary School in Rochford have very kindly offered the Council use of the pool, free of charge, for the duration of the school holidays and has asked that only the cost of the water treatment chemicals is covered. Due to the holiday period only covering five weeks this year, and the withdrawal of Westerings Primary School from the scheme, it has been possible to include Doggetts Primary for the duration of the scheme.
- 3.3 Hullbridge Parish Council have provided funding to enable an additional week to be provided.
- 3.4 The venues chosen this year are Great Wakering Primary School, Doggetts Primary School, Rochford, Riverside Primary School, Hullbridge, Downhall Primary School, Rayleigh, Rayleigh Primary School and Sweyne Park School. Copies of the proposed timetables are available in the Members Lounge in Rayleigh and the Members Room in Rochford.
- 3.5 It is intended that the scheme will run as previous years with a 50p admittance fee for children and a £1 admittance for accompanying adults at Sweyne Park School.

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- 3.6 All of the lifeguards will have current National Pool Lifeguard qualifications.

**4 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Provision of leisure activities has been proven to reduce instances of youth nuisance and anti social behaviour.

**5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 A budget provision of £10,000 has been allocated towards this project . It is anticipated that we will keep to the allocated budget based on expenditure in previous years and income generated.

**6 PARISH IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Hullbridge Parish Council are contributing towards this initiative to enable extra provision in Hullbridge.

**7 RECOMMENDATION**

- 7.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS**

That Members agree to the proposals set out above. (CD(FES))

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**Background Papers:**

Letters from schools

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