
SUMMER PLAYScheme SWIMMING PROVISION (Minute 287/99)

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1** In January, Council agreed to set aside £10,000 towards summer playscheme swimming provision for the second year. This report sets out proposals for the operation of the scheme and suggested venues.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1** Last year was the first year Council decided to proceed with this initiative. Seven school swimming pools were hired during the school summer holidays to provide cheap, accessible swimming sessions for children across the District. A total of 1,434 children up to age 11 and 45 adults participated in the scheme.
- 2.2** Members specifically requested that this year, Sweyne Park Secondary School be approached to take part in the scheme.

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- 3.1** All of the junior schools in the District with swimming pools and Sweyne Park Secondary School were contacted in February to ascertain whether or not they would be interested in taking part in the scheme this year and if so, what dates would be available.
- 3.2** The timetable shown as appendix 1 to this report has been produced based on those schools who responded positively. It is also hoped that the timetable demonstrates that the scheme spans the District, providing opportunities for young people to participate in as many of the outlying areas as possible.
- 3.3** Each school will be hired for a period of four hours each day providing three sessions of 45 mins each. The remainder of the time is to allow for staff setting up and clearing away and change over between sessions.

4 MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION

- 4.1** It is suggested that four qualified lifeguards are employed for the scheme. This is based on experience from last year. The suggested remuneration is £7.50 per hour, which is the same as last year. It is also suggested that the admission fee should remain unchanged at 50p per child and £1.00 per adult. Adults will only be allowed access to Sweyne Park School Swimming Pool and only when they accompany children. This is to make provision for those children who are too small to use the other pools on their own.

- 4.2 To follow current practice in each of the schools, only children aged up to 11 years will be admitted to the scheme. As last year, we do not recommend introducing a booking system.

5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Provision of sport and leisure activities is proven to divert young people from crime and anti social behaviour.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 In January, Council set aside £10,000 for the initiative. The table shown as appendix 2 to this report provides a breakdown of costs. It is anticipated that attendances will increase this year and the increased income will cover any shortfall. If however the attendance target is not achieved, any shortfall can be met from the Sport Development budget.

7 RECOMMENDATION

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

That the summer swimming scheme proceeds as detailed in the report (HLCS)

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Background Papers:

Previous Committee Reports
Hire agreements for school swimming pools

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