

**REPORT TO EXECUTIVE**



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**Free Swimming for the Over 60's**

**PURPOSE**

1. To consider the introduction of free swimming sessions for the over 60's in the Borough.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. That the Executive approve the introduction of free swimming sessions for the over 60's in the Borough.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

3. To help increase the take up of swimming for older residents in the Borough and improve their health and well-being.

**SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS**

4. At Full Council on 23 February 2012, it was resolved that "consideration be given to reinstating free swimming for the over 60's. In response to this Officers have developed a scheme that would allow residents who are over 60 the ability to swim four times a week for free at both of our leisure centres. The times tie in with free bus travel for over 60's, which starts at 9am and the draft programme for both the St Peter's Centre and Padiham Leisure Centre would be as follows:
  - Tuesday 9.30am – 11.30am
  - Wednesday 9.30am – 11.30am
  - Friday 2.00pm – 4.00pm
  - Sunday 2.00pm – 4.00pm
5. It is estimated that the loss of income to the Council through the initiative would be £10,000, however the health benefits to those older people who take up the initiative and swim regularly would be high.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION**

6. The loss of income to the Council through the initiative is estimated at £10,000 which can be accommodated.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

7. None

**DETAILS OF CONSULTATION**

8. None.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

9. None

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

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