

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

**You asked:**

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request you to provide me with the following information.**

**1) How many swimming pools located in the Leicester local authority area were available to the public at 1 April 2010 and of those how many were: a) 25m pools; b) 50m pools and c) other pools.**

- **Please indicate against each category how many were:**
  - i. located in premises owned and operated by the local authority**
  - ii. located in premises owned by the local authority but operated by a third party**
  - iii. located in premises not owned or operated by the local authority.** Leicester City Council only holds information on local authority owned swimming pools. Therefore this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.
  - iv. Located in a school premises and whether the school is state run, academy or any other status.**

### **ANSWER**

1.i,ii,iii: On the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 Leicester City Council had 14 swimming pools available to the public. The 14 pools consisted of

- a) 25m pools – 6
- b) 50m pools – 0
- c) Other pools - 8

All of these pools were located in premises owned by the council. None of them were run by a third party. The council do not have any pools located on any premises not owned by them.

1.iv: There are two primary schools that own and operate their own swimming pools. Both of these are state schools.

**2) What changes have been made to public swimming pool provision since 1 April 2010 including the opening of new facilities, the closure of facilities or alterations to opening times?**

Of all the Leicester City Council centres with pools, 3 centres had made changes that would have affected the swimming pools

Evington Leisure Centre: in August 2012 the centre altered its Saturday opening times reducing opening by 3 hrs, this in turn took 3 hrs public swim time out.

Leicester Leys Leisure Centre has had the following installations in the pool hall since April 2012:

- New water features installed in the feature pool in September 2011
- 3 Activity boards installed for the toddler and dimple pool May 2013
- The pool hall now closes at 5pm instead of 6pm on Sunday since April 2012.

Spence Street Sport Centre had a reduction in closing times from 10 to 9:30 on week days Saturday from 6 to 5:30 Sunday from 3:30 to 3:00 in April 2010

**3) What were the fees, charges including membership fees for each category of user including for clubs and schools on 1 April 2010 and 1 April 2013 for each pool?**

Fees and charges for swimming	2010-11	2013-14
Adult	£3.40	£4.00
Adult Card	£3.00	£3.60
CONS & JNR	£2.15	£2.60
Membership*	£275.00	£220.00
Club hire		
Leicester Leys	£65.00	£70.00
Cossington St/Sauna	£45.00	£50.00
Other pools	£45.00	£50.00
Braunstone Leisure Centre	£65.00	£70.00
School hire		
City	£7.00	£9.00
County	£12.00	£14.50
Private	£21.00	£24.00

\*Please note that the membership in 2010-11 included the gym and fitness sessions. In 2013-14 there is a price drop in membership due to a new swimming only package being made available in 2012.

**4) What was the expenditure in your local authority for running and maintaining swimming pools in the financial year 2010/11 and what is the budget, for the financial year 2013/14?**

Leicester City Council does not separate costs for just running and maintaining swimming pools, just a total expenditure for the whole service.

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**5) What income was generated from fees, charges including membership fees in the financial year 2010/11 and what is the budgeted income for the financial year 2013/14?**

Income from fees for swimming in the financial year 2010/11 was £762,844. The total income budget for 2013/14 for sports services, which includes swimming and other activities is £5,216,100.

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