

Action Plan Broadland Swimming Pools

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<p>PROTECT</p>	<p>SW1 Broadland District to protect the existing supply of swimming pools on school sites for community use to 2026.</p> <p>The needs assessment for swimming pools has identified that across the authority based on the population growth, location of new housing and aging of the core resident population the existing supply of swimming pools will be very full by 2026. There is a need therefore to protect and retain the SCALE of the supply of pools.</p> <p>There is a tipping point of whether enhancement of the existing stock can meet the small scale projected increase in demand and absorb the current high levels of use. OR based on the age condition and limitations of the size of the pool tanks on the school sites there is cost/sports effective case for re-provision of the school based swimming pools. The margins and judgment are fine and up to date condition surveys are required to make the assessment.</p> <p>Furthermore at two sites the pools at Aylsham High School and Hellesdon High School are estimated to have the highest used capacity. There may be scope to increase hours of community use. At Thorpe St Andrew school.</p>	<p>Work with all existing schools to ensure there is an up to date community use agreement in place to protect the existing level of community use outside of school hours.</p> <p>Review with individual schools the actual hours of community use to establish if more use could be made of the existing capacity. Schools which appear to offer more potential are Thorpe St Andrew school (however this is a 1950 pool in need of modernisation and further community use before any improvements to the existing pool/pool hall maybe very limited.</p> <p>Consider with the other Councils' the development of a professional leisure management use, bookings and lettings system, which is co-ordinated across all school swimming pool sites also applies to sports halls.</p>
	<p>SW2 – Support improvements at existing swimming pools where this would: lead to: increased capacity; and improve the quality of the venues and potentially offer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the ancillary swimming pool facilities at Thorpe St Andrews School, Sprowston School and Hellesdon High School, based on up to date

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<p>ENHANCE</p>	<p>greater flexibility of use and improve viability for community use.</p> <p>The needs assessment has identified an aging stock and which has increasing demands on its use. Detailed feasibility studies are required to determine the possible options to either increase the size of the existing venue or replace with enhanced provision depending on age, condition and site opportunities.</p> <p>The biggest constraint is the size of the pool tank and all the school pools are at or below 200 sq metres of water. Enhancement of existing pools will not increase the pool tank size and so enhancement is increasing the quality of the ancillary facilities. Acknowledging that school pools will meet the needs of club use and learn to swim programmes as their type of community use.</p> <p>The priorities for enhancement of pool ancillary facilities are Thorpe St Andrews School, Sprowston School and Hellesdon School pools. It is understood there is committed funding to improve the pool at Aylsham High School.</p> <p>There are very limited opportunities to further develop recreational pay and swim programmes at other Broadland venues because all the other venues are commercial venues. The major opportunity for enhanced community use is at the Norwich sites but these already absorb an estimated 40% of the Broadland recreational swimming demand.</p>	<p>condition survey assessments that demonstrates this is the most cost/sports effective option. Acknowledging that community use at these pool sites will be for learning to swim programmes and club use. (Projected capital cost £1m per site so projected £3m in total)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for capital works to be considered as integral part of the outlined CIL Capital Modernisation Fund for provision or improvements to school based community sports facilities. • Review with the other Council's the scope to meet increased community use at neighbouring sites but which are within the 20 minute drive time catchment area of some of the Broadland demand notably Sportspark and Riverside pool sites in Norwich.
	<p>SW3 – Provision of new swimming pools halls where the most cost/effective approach is RE-PROVISION of</p>	<p>Re- provision of swimming pools IF the modernisation of the existing school based pools as set out under enhanced is not the most cost/effective provision to</p>

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<p>PROVIDE</p>	<p>existing swimming pools.</p> <p>The needs assessment has not identified a need to provide NEW pools to meet growth in demand. The assessment has identified that the existing pool stock is very full and the increase in usage up to 2026, this will impact on the condition of the pools. This could and will most likely create a case for RE-PROVISION of an existing pool if the cost benefit assessment is that new provision is a more effective solution than modernisation of the existing school based pools.</p> <p>In terms of locations for re-provision this is not an issue as 91% of visits to pools by Broadland residents are by car based on a 20 minute drive time pool catchment area and this creates high accessibility. Unmet demand of pools is highest in the Sprowston area and the Rackheath growth area (map 26 needs assessment report 3) Identifying precise location is, as with sports halls, challenging because the predominance of car based catchment area provides high access across all areas/venues. There is scope to and need to re-provide a swimming pool in the Rackheath area if any of the existing public sector swimming pool stock is lost. This should be on a school site to maximize both curriculum and community use. Also it is in keeping with the District Council policy of being an enabler and not a direct provider of indoor sports facilities.</p>	<p>meet the projected demand to 2026.</p> <p>The priority areas/locations for any re-provision are the Sprowston and Rackheath areas – based on the scale and location and projected unmet demand up to 2026.</p> <p>Any re-provision of pools should be of 25m x 4 lanes to overcome the limited range of swimming programmes that can be accommodated by the small size school pools (all below 200 sq m of water). School sites are the most cost and sports effective locations, to provide integrated school and community use.</p> <p>The scope to introduce professional leisure management of new and existing school based sports facilities (rationale developed under sports halls) should include any new swimming pools. This is because with a larger 25m x 4 lane pool there is the scale to provide for public use as well as club use.</p> <p>Any new swimming pool project should be planned, designed, costed and procured based on the Sport England Guidance for affordable community swimming pools. Based on the Sport England cost guidance a 25 metre x 4 lane pool is £2.9m. This is based on 2nd Quarter 2013 prices with a projected 1.8% annual increase thereafter.</p> <p>A 215m x 6 lane pool with a teaching/learning pool of 13m x 7m is projected to cost £4.6m. Based on based Sport England cost guidance 2nd Quarter 2013 prices with a projected 1.8% annual increase thereafter.</p> <p>A joint use agreement setting out the type of use and a</p>

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		full programme of community use should be committed to as an integral part of the project development and progressed through the planning process.