

**APPENDIX 6****STAKEHOLDER AND USER FOCUS GROUP****CONSULTATION ON LEISURE FACILITIES****10TH JUNE 2010**

Attendees:	Initials:	Background
Ian Brooke Hagan Lewisman Leon Popplewell Carolyn Gulliver Lindsay Powell Gary Giles Roger Hiley Molly Bough Ann Cresswell Lisa Darnell	IB HL LP CG LP GG RH MB AC LD	OCC Head Of Service (Leisure & Parks) OCC Development Manager (Leisure & Parks) Fusion Lifestyle TCP co-ordinator user group (Swimming) TCP User - COSC Head Coach TCP User - COSC BLP User – Riverside Canoe club TCP User – Oxford Swans TCP User – Oxford Swans Amateur Swimming Association
Apologies		Judith Harley (Old Temple Cowley Residents Association), Chris Freeman (Oxfordshire Sports Partnership), Giselle Ferguson TCP User (Swimming, Gym and Classes), Margaret Stevens (School Sports Partnership) Hamera Plume (OCC Consultation Officer)
Abbreviations		OCC – Oxford City Council TCP – Temple Cowley Pools BLP – Blackbird Leys Pool COSC – City of Oxford Swimming Club OSP – Oxfordshire Sports Partnership SSP – School Sports Partnership RA – Residents Association FL – Fusion Lifestyle TCP-USER – TCP User BLP-USER – BLP User SWANS – Oxford Swans A.S.A – Amateur Swimming Association
Item no:	Item Discussion:	Raised by
1	Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IB completed a presentation (available on the Council's website) 	
2	Discussion on the available options	

A discussion was held around the options and accessibility and key points were highlighted below.

- Accessibility issues were raised regarding TCP. It was felt that some 'able disabled' can use the facility but it excluded a significant amount of others. It was felt that Ferry was more accessible in respect of this and also had better access to hoists.
- All were in agreement that finances are very tight and that any option should give good value for money.
- Voluntary fund-raising should also be looked at regarding any option that is successful.
- That there should be a facility in the south of the City e.g do nothing (leading to possible closure) was not an option.
- All agreed that it was important to get as many people swimming as possible.
- An example was given of Banbury lido that once it closed through an un-planned closure, it never re-opened. A case was also mentioned about Redbridge (needs investigating).
- One of the benefits of an option in Temple Cowley was that it does provide a good sense of community.
- Oxford City has the benefit of good public transport, in some of the other more rural districts, individuals could only drive with a minimum 20-30min drive time to a sports
- Does the name competition pool scare off the general public? – Is important that the whole experience is communicated and that there are a range of facilities.
- Although a diving pool does attract individuals, these are high cost items with very high running costs.
- The difference between the facilities is 1.6 miles (approx 7-8 minutes on the bus). COSC have individuals that use the pools from all over the City, this would not make a significant difference.
- It was felt that the addition of some leisure water would be a good benefit and increase participation, subject to costs.
- Walking distance to the facility was highlighted as being important.

SWANS

TCP-USER

BLP-USER

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Options Exercise

- The consensus was that option 2 'a new competition pool at BL' provided the favourite option of the group in respect of accessibility, VFM and affordability.
- The consensus was that option 1 'do nothing' was the least favoured option.

Option 1 – Do Nothing

Number of 1 st Choice	Number of 2 nd Choices	Number of 3 rd Choices	Number of 4 th Choices	Total
			8	8

Option 2 – Competition Standard Pool at BL

Number of 1 st Choice	Number of 2 nd Choices	Number of 3 rd Choices	Number of 4 th Choices	Total
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Option 3 – Re-furbish TCP and BLP

Number of 1 st Choice	Number of 2 nd Choices	Number of 3 rd Choices	Number of 4 th Choices	Total
	4	4		8

Option 4 – Re-build TCP

Number of 1 st Choice	Number of 2 nd Choices	Number of 3 rd Choices	Number of 4 th Choices	Total
	4	4		8

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Next meeting

- The group agreed that it would like to continue operating and the next meeting would be set after the 12th July