

Leisure facilities – Our plans to invest and improve Consultation Analysis Report

Community Area View – Malmesbury

A total of 35 responses were received, which is 1% of the total received responses. Of these responses 100% were completed questionnaires.

Of the total responses received 46% were male and 49% were female and 3% considered themselves to have a disability. A total of 11% of respondents were aged 18 to 24, 14% were aged 25 to 34, 14% were aged 35 to 44, 23% were aged 45 to 54, 14% were aged 55 to 64, 11% were aged 65 to 74 and 3% were aged 75 and over. Malmesbury had the highest response rate for 18 to 24 year olds.

Of the respondents 17% indicated an interest in being involved or running their leisure centre. A total of 71% of respondents visited a leisure centre weekly, with 10% daily, 7% monthly, 3% less often and 10% have never used a leisure centre. Malmesbury had the highest response rate from non-users of the leisure centre.

In specific response to the questions;

- 97% agreed with the principle that providing high quality, modern facilities with a variety of activities will encourage more people to become more active
- 64% agreed that local communities should be able to directly influence and / or manage their local services and 9% of respondents disagreed
- 82% agreed that the price of using leisure facilities can be a barrier to taking part
- 76% of respondents felt that pricing should be reflective of the size and quality of facility whereas 45% disagreed that a standard pricing policy across all facilities, irrespective of the size and quality would work for Wiltshire
- 78% of respondents agreed that the council should try to provide multi-purpose indoor leisure facilities within 20 minutes travel time from home
- 88% agreed that introducing car parking charges at leisure facilities could be a barrier to stop people taking part

In terms of activities the most popular are swimming (38%), using the gym (15%), fitness classes (11%) and Badminton (3%). Other facilities within leisure centres also proved popular with the inclusion of café facilities (10%) and meeting spaces (6%).

There were 44 comments made, which is 1% of the total comments received with reference to the leisure review, with the following comments being the most highly stated;

- Keep the centre open – 14%
- Improved facilities/equipment (additional stuff 6 lane pool, squash etc) – 14%
- Happy with facilities/staff – 9%
- Better maintenance – 7%
- Improved changing facilities – 7%