

Leisure facilities

Our plans to invest and improve

£117 million investment in leisure
over the next 25 years...

Help us
provide first
class leisure
facilities

We need
your
views



Please return the questionnaire
by Friday 29 October 2010.

Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters

Message from Jane Scott, Leader of Wiltshire Council

Involvement in sport and leisure activities is usually a matter of personal preference, however many people may be discouraged because of the standards of the facilities available and the activities they offer.

In Wiltshire we are working hard to promote health and well being and our aim is to be the healthiest county in the UK by 2014. Leisure facilities play an important part in achieving our aim.

Our current indoor facilities are not up to the standard we would like for our residents – some are old and in need of repair, some are not big enough and some are in the wrong place.

It is not an option to do nothing as we cannot afford to continue to run 23 facilities and invest in new ones that we need. We want to work with local communities and look at creative ways to retain some of the smaller facilities.

Our plan is to invest £117 million in leisure facilities over the next 25 years. A recent review highlighted what needs to be done. Following the review we have developed some proposals, which are explained in this leaflet.

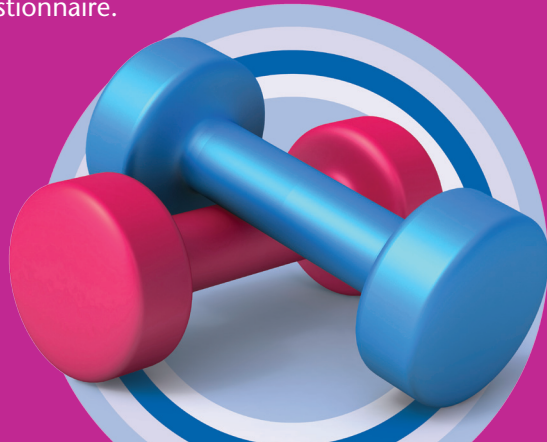
Our aim is to deliver something for every community in the county. We want you to see our plans and know the decisions and actions that we are proposing. Your views will assist us in taking key decisions on future facilities.

Please take the time to read this leaflet and let us know your views by completing a questionnaire.

Thank you



Jane Scott, Leader



What's being proposed?

We have carried out a review of our leisure facilities across Wiltshire.

We want everyone to be able to access high quality facilities and a range of activities that are considered to be good value for money.

There is a mixture of facilities across the county. These include privately owned, council-operated, community run and some that are jointly used by local schools.

Currently, we have 23 facilities and we would need to spend £93 million just to maintain them over the next 25 years. This would not include any improvements, refurbishments or building any new facilities. In the present financial climate and in light of the review, this is neither affordable nor sustainable.

The review looked at leisure provision for the next 25 years and focused on a programme of replacement, refurbishment and devolvement of some leisure facilities.

The proposed plan starts in 2011 and should be complete by 2025.

The proposal includes an investment of £117 million into new facilities and refurbishments and improvements to some existing facilities.



New facilities are planned in Melksham, Trowbridge and Warminster, Amesbury/Durrington. Improvement and refurbishment is proposed for Devizes, The Olympiad in Chippenham, The Activity Zone in Malmesbury, Marlborough, Five Rivers at Salisbury and Tidworth.

The review also looks at the possibility of devolving some centres to community groups or trusts with support from the council over a period of time.

We recognise that, over the next 25 years, this will mean a lot of conversations and work with local communities. Our aim is to help local people to retain their facilities and to manage and run them successfully in the future.

We want to talk to users of the existing facilities alongside local people and communities and invite their views and comments on these proposals.

We would appreciate you taking the time to fill in the questionnaire to give us your views.





What do we want to achieve?

We will:

- ✓ Invest £117 million to provide high quality facilities across Wiltshire
- ✓ Promote and encourage everyone to take part in regular exercise
- ✓ Make sure that prices are set at a level where people can make positive choices about leisure activities
- ✓ Provide facilities where they will be needed over the next 25 years, as our demographic profile changes
- ✓ Adapt to changes in the demand and customer need for leisure services
- ✓ Provide a vibrant and safe environment for everyone to take part in a wide range of activities
- ✓ Work with local organisations and other public services to deliver projects that get... more people, more active, more often
- ✓ Provide good value for money, but continually look for ways to reduce the costs of running these facilities to our local council tax payers



A review of leisure

A review of the condition and usage of our indoor leisure facilities across the county has taken place. We have also had support from Sport England so that we can accurately predict how people's leisure needs will change over the coming years.

We will be publishing our Leisure Facilities Strategy based on these findings, so your feedback from this review will be very useful.

The proposals we are making are the result of specialised and detailed research and we are committed to providing a network of facilities across the county.

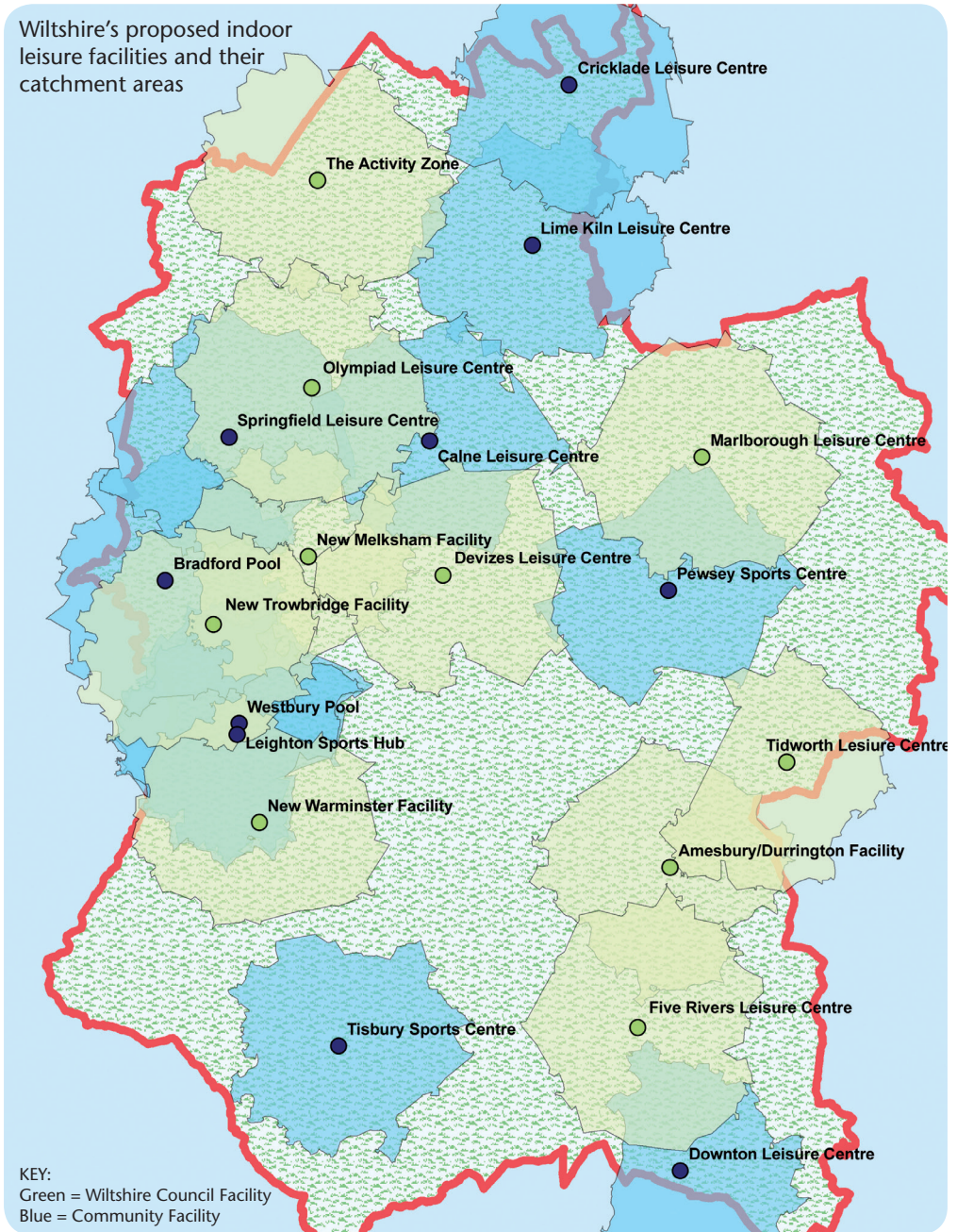
Our proposals for the future

We are keen to find out what you think about the activities that we offer and the standard of service we should offer across Wiltshire.

We would also like to know what stops you from taking part in activities, whether it's travel or other access problems.

Have a look at the map on the next page to see where the facilities are located.

Proposed indoor leisure facilities



Replacement, refurbishment and devolvement programme

New and improved facilities:

A small number of large multi-purpose facilities, either new build or refurbished, in the main towns.

Improved facilities:

A larger number of medium sized multi-purpose facilities in towns spread across the county.

Community facilities:

Small local facilities offering a variety of activities that can be managed by local communities.

There are lots of ways for you to have your say - have a look at the back page.



New and improved facilities

Melksham (to replace Christie Miller and Blue Pool)

Replacement facility to include:

- pools - 4 lane 25m pool and learner pool
- sports hall
- fitness suite
- multi-activity rooms

Trowbridge (to replace Castle Place and Trowbridge Sports Centre)

Replacement facility to include:

- pools - 8 lane 25m pool, learner pool with diving facilities, leisure pool with flume
- large sports hall
- fitness suite
- multi-activity rooms
- squash
- climbing wall

Warminster (to replace Warminster Sports Centre)

Replacement facility to include:

- pools - 4 lane 25m pool and learner pool
- sports hall
- fitness suite
- multi-activity rooms

Amesbury/Durrington

Refurbishment to include:

- pools - 4 lane 25m pool and learner pool
- sports hall
- fitness suite
- multi-activity rooms



Improved facilities

Devizes - Devizes Leisure Centre

Refurbishment to include:

- new learner pool
- scheduled redecoration
- scheduled replacement of plant and machinery

Chippenham - The Olympiad Leisure Centre

Refurbishment to include:

- scheduled redecoration
- scheduled replacement of plant and machinery

Malmesbury - The Activity Zone

Refurbishment to include:

- enhancement to fitness suite
- scheduled redecoration
- scheduled replacement of plant and machinery

Marlborough - Marlborough Leisure Centre

Refurbishment to include:

- scheduled redecoration
- scheduled replacement of plant and machinery

Salisbury - Five Rivers Leisure Centre

Refurbishment to include:

- extension to the fitness suite
- indoor climbing walls
- indoor tennis dome
- scheduled redecoration
- scheduled replacement of plant and machinery

Tidworth - Tidworth Leisure Centre

Refurbishment to include:

- scheduled redecoration
- scheduled replacement of plant and machinery

Community facilities

Bradford on Avon - Bradford Pool

Refurbishment works leading up to the devolvement of the facility

Calne - Calne Leisure Centre

Refurbishment works leading up to the devolvement of the facility to be agreed with the present operators

Corsham - Springfield Leisure Centre

Refurbishment works leading up to the devolvement of the facility

Cricklade - Cricklade Leisure Centre

Refurbishment works leading up to the devolvement of the facility to be agreed with the present operators

Downton - Downton Sports Centre

Refurbishment works leading up to the devolvement of the facility to be agreed with the present operators

Pewsey - Pewsey Sports Centre

Refurbishment works leading up to the devolvement of the facility

Tisbury - Tisbury Sports Centre and pool

Refurbishment works leading up to the devolvement of the facility

Westbury - Leighton Sports Hub

Refurbishment and improvements to include:

- 6 rink indoor bowls facility
- café and catering facilities
- refurbishment works leading up to the devolvement of the facility

Westbury - Westbury Pool

Refurbishment works leading up to the devolvement of the facility

Wootton Bassett - Lime Kiln Leisure Centre

Refurbishment works leading up to the devolvement of the facility

How do I have my say?

The leaflet and questionnaire are widely available at leisure centres, libraries and council offices.

You can complete and return the questionnaire to the freepost address, by folding it as suggested to make an envelope format, or you can return it to any of the locations mentioned above.

If you would like to make additional comments in writing, please send them to:

The Director of Neighbourhood and Planning
Wiltshire Council
County Hall
Trowbridge BA14 8JN
mark your letter 'leisure consultation'.

You can complete the survey online, at:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure
or email comments to:
leisureconsultation@wiltshire.gov.uk

Why not go along to to your local area board meeting and have your say?

During August, September and October, we will be talking about these proposals at every area board across the county.

To find out when and where your local one is held, visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards
or telephone **0300 456 0100**

We will also be running road shows throughout September and October, so come along and have your say. To find out when and where your nearest one takes place, visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure

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