

Briefing notes on Issues included in the Forward Plan Issue 2003/04

SERVICE AREA: SPORTS (Environment)

Report ref	Report title
	Willesden Sports Centre Closure - Relocation Strategy
<p>Summary:</p> <p>Willesden Sports Centre is due to close this summer (exact date subject to conclusion of on-going contract negotiations) as it is being redeveloped under the governments PFI initiative. The demolition and rebuild period is approximately 18 months with the new sports centre due to open early 2006. During the 18 month closure period it will be necessary for customers and sports clubs to relocate to alternative sports venues.</p> <p>Due to the closure all users will be affected. This report will provide Members with an overview of the planned relocation. The report will provide details based upon the different types of users under the following main headings/ user groups (exact details are yet to be finalised):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schools – Schools use the existing sports centre for swimming lessons and other sports lessons. All schools have been offered timeslots at alternative venues where it has been possible to negotiate use.• College of North West London – transferring to new Bridge Park and Charteris Sports Centre.• Sports Clubs – This section of the report will provide details of which facilities clubs are relocating to. For example, Queens Park Harriers will relocate to Paddington Recreation Ground, and Willesden Judo Club to the Capital City Academy.• Young People – The Sports Service will use Capital City Academy to provide activities for young people during the school holiday.• Early morning pensioners group – negotiations are under way with Cannons Health Club to allow early morning use by this group (60 people have been allocated places) during the closure period• Disabled swimmers – It is hoped to relocate this group to Vale Farm Centre.• ‘Casual’ Users – i.e. those who attend as individuals not as part of a clubs or organised group. These users are being informed of other venues that are available in the area, including venues in surrounding boroughs and the possibility of putting on a shuttle bus to Vale Farm Sports Centre on a couple of occasions a week is also being explored. <p>A newsletter has been produced and information has been put on the website.</p>	

Nature of Decision to be taken/Intended Outcome:

To agree the proposed relocation programme.

Timescale for decision:

June 2004

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