

Open Report on behalf of Executive Director Performance and Governance

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	08 April 2011
Subject:	Impact of the Free Swimming Initiative in Lincolnshire

Summary:

At its meeting on 10 September 2010, the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee considered a report on Healthy Weight, Healthy Lives – Childhood Obesity. Following discussions on this report, the Committee requested a further report on the impact of the Free Swimming Initiative in Lincolnshire. This report sets out the impact on swimming attendances from the free swimming initiative and how this has been affected since the reintroduction of pricing.

Recommendation(s):

The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is requested to comment and feedback on the attached “Free Swimming in Lincolnshire for children aged 16 and under 2009-11” and “Swim4Life Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Report April 2009 - March 2010.”

1. Background

Free Swimming was offered to all children aged 16 and under in Lincolnshire between April 2009 and July 2010. National Government announced in June 2010 that the funding for free swimming was to be discontinued from July 2010.

The attached reports set out the impact on swimming attendances from the free swimming initiative and how this has been affected since the reintroduction of pricing.

Sarah Ferneyhough (Physical Activity Manager, Lincolnshire Sports Partnership) and Phil Garner (Health Improvement Principal - Profiles & Partnerships, NHS Lincolnshire) will be attending the meeting to present the attached reports.

2. Conclusion

This report informs the Committee of the free swimming initiative introduced in April 2009 and how that has impacted on swimming attendances. It further highlights how swimming attendances have been affected since the reintroduction of pricing for children aged 16 and under since July 2010.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

No Policy Proofing is required for this report.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Free Swimming in Lincolnshire for children aged 16 and under 2009-11
Appendix B	Swim4Life Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Report April 2009 - March 2010.

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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