

Community Impact Assessment Form

Name of Strategy/Policy:	LEISURE REVIEW	
	Closure of Haslingden Swimming Pool	
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1. Impact Assessment – Policy and Target Outcomes

- a) Main aims/objectives of the strategy, policy, procedure, project or decision.

Rossendale Borough Council is looking at leisure provision throughout the borough in the light of the current financial situation and the need to have quality, sustainable provision for the future. Various options are being considered. As part of this process, Community Impact Assessments have been produced and are continually being reviewed and added to.

This Impact Assessment examines the closure of the pool at Haslingden Pool and has been carried out in the context of a new pool being built in the Borough.

Haslingden Swimming Pool was built in 1936. The building houses one 25 yard by 8 yard 4 lane swimming pool and a health suite. The health suite comprises a sauna box, steam room and spa pool. The pool is accessible to disabled users and has disabled toilet facilities. There is a small car park to the front of the pool with 19 car parking spaces, two of which are designated disable parking.

Level of use

Year	Use
2007/08	98,788 visits
2006/07	79,701 visits

These figures were provided by Rossendale Leisure Trust and shows a 24%

increase in usage. It should be noted that this is an increase in visits and does not necessarily demonstrate new users or number of customers.

b) Is the policy, facility or decision under review (please tick)

New/proposed Modified/adapted Existing

c) Main groups identified as beneficiaries, targets or users of (or affected in any other way) this strategy, policy, project, procedure or decision?

Customers/citizens of the district
Community Groups/Voluntary Sector Groups
Rossendale Leisure Trust, including staff and employees

d) Equality groups identified as beneficiaries, targets or users of this policy/strategy/project/procedure, or affected in any other way.

Older people
Multi-ability facility users
Various school groups – See Appendix 4
Various Swimming Clubs – See Appendix 4
Other Swimming Sessions – Ladies Only, over 50's Swim and Parent and Toddler Classes.
The general users of the facility – No monitoring information is available therefore population data has been utilized.

e) Information considered regarding the communities affected by this.

Information on the breakdown of the population of Rossendale obtained from 2001 census data provided by the Office of National Statistics.

APPENDIX 1 Users of Marl Pits swimming pool by ethnic group

Section 1: Ethnic Groups in Rossendale by ward
Section 2: Rossendale Census wards 2001
Section 3: Location of swimming pool users
Section 4: Marl Pits Swimming Pool ethnic groups in surrounding wards

APPENDIX 2 Facility Usage provided by Rossendale Leisure Trust

APPENDIX 3 Comparison of services currently available at each swimming pool within Rossendale

Evaluation of Leisure Provision undertaken by PMP Team in May 2006.

There are three swimming pools serving the community, within the borough of Rossendale:

Marl Pits in Rawtenstall,
Whitworth Pool in Whitworth
Haslingden swimming pool in Haslingden.

Other considerations have been facilities available for Disabled users within and outside of the borough, travel and parking issues.

f) Is further consultation, data collection or research still required?

Yes

No

(If yes then complete Action Plan)

Details

The Community Impact Assessment has been carried out in accordance with the evidence available.

Evidence has been provided for the Equality groups identified.

Research will be ongoing in relation to the users of the facilities and the impact assessment will be updated accordingly.

A consultation process has been undertaken and this is detailed at Appendix 6.

2. Impact – Evidence

a) Indicate whether there is evidence that the policy/strategy/decision has a negative, positive or neutral impact from an equalities perspective on any of the equality groups listed below.

		Positive Impact – it could benefit	Negative Impact – it could disadvantage	Reason	Neutral Impact (Neither)
Gender	Women		√	Ladies only swim session Over 50's swim	
	Men		√	Over 50's Swim	
Race (Ethnicity or Nationality)	Asian or Asian British people				√
	Black or black British people				√
	Chinese or other ethnic people				√
	Irish people				√
	White people				√
	Chinese people				√
	Other minority communities not listed above (please state)				√

		Positive Impact – it could benefit	Negative Impact – it could disadvantage	Reason	Neutral Impact (Neither)
Disability	Physical/learning/mental health		√	Travel issues in relation to the nearest alternative.	
Sexuality	Lesbians, gay men and bisexuals				√
Gender Identity	Transgender people				√
Age	Older people (60+)				√
	Younger people (17-25), and children		√	Travel issues relating to children attending from Haslingden County Primary School who are currently within walking distance of the facility.	
Belief	Faith groups				√
Other Groups			√	GP referrals may have travel issues	

Notes:

3. Impact – Nature/Type

- a) Could you further improve the strategy, project, policy, procedure or decision's positive or neutral impact? If "Yes", this should be detailed in the Action Plan.

YES NO

- b) If you indicated that there is neutral impact, could this be changed to become positive?

YES NO

- c) Mitigation of any adverse or negative impact(s) of the proposal, or how the policy, strategy, project, procedure or decision could be used to promote a positive impact. Does the proposal have a high or low impact.

These have been considered and are detailed within the action plan.

Actions arising from the impact assessment should form part of the Service Planning Process.

Key Actions:

Identify current users who require support identifying alternative venues – Communities Team

Alternative venues to be identified for all current facility users – Communities Team.

Cost implications of alternative facilities to be identified as part of the process – Communities Team.

Signposting/support in relation to potential grant application – Communities Team

4. Impact Assessment - Summary

- a) Key Findings: Major outcomes/results/findings of this assessment in relation to equality which require action by the Council are detailed in the Action Plan

Key Findings:

Haslingden Swimming Pool currently provides swimming sessions for 11 Schools and 1 Swimming Club within the borough. All of the Schools can be accommodated at Marl Pits Pool.

Haslingden Swimming Club can also be accommodated at Marl Pits Pool with negotiations around start times. This may impact on younger children using the classes. However, a Saturday morning alternative could be offered. Further consultation will be required with the swimming club.

Adult swimming lessons and all other swim sessions provided at Haslingden i.e. Over 50's Swim, Ladies Only, various Aqua Aerobics/Mobility and GP referrals can be accommodated at Marl Pits.

Children from Haslingden County Primary School currently walk to the facility and may incur additional travel and costs involved with a move to Marl Pits.

Haslingden Pool is on a main bus route with regular service and bus stops within easy reach of the facility. See Appendix 5

The nearest swimming pools to Haslingden Swimming Pool are:

Marl Pitts – 3.1 miles

Ramsbottom Pool – 4.1 miles

Whitworth Pool – 9.2 miles

Burnley St. Peters Centre – 9.3 miles

Data on usage suggests that there is some crossover between the Marl Pits and Haslingden sites i.e. Customers for who Haslingden is most local may use Marl Pits and visa versa. Based on this information should Haslingden Swimming Pool close, it is highly likely that customers would start to use Marl Pits.

Car parking may be an issue at certain times, depending on what other sporting events are taking place.

The frequency of buses currently serving Marl Pits is every 15 minutes during the day and hourly after 6.00pm.

Depth of Swimming Pool – Rossendale Sub Aqua club use the pool for 12 weeks every year. They provide a half hour session every Tuesday evening during this period. It has been stated that Haslingden Swimming Pool is the only one in the borough that can be used because none of the other pools are of a suitable depth.

Haslingden Swimming Pool and Marl Pits Swimming Pool both have a depth of 2.1 meters and Whitworth Swimming Pool has a depth of 2.13 meters.

The group can be accommodated at Marl Pits and Whitworth Pools, there may

have to be some negotiation around days and times.

All the above mentioned can be accommodated should the new facility be built, however in the short term there may be issues.

5. Impact Assessment – Further Action

a) Evaluation/ monitoring/ review process:

The impact assessment will be updated as issues are raised by Elected Members, facility users, partners and members of the public.

The decision of the Council at the meeting of 26 February 2009 in relation to Haslingden Swimming Pool will impact on the implementation of the action plan. The detailed work programme will need to be developed following this meeting with timescales for review identified within it.

Monitoring of implementation will take place at the Programme Board and through Overview and Scrutiny.

Affected groups will be consulted as part of the development of any new facility to ensure that their needs will be met in the new facility.

Evaluation will continue as part of the project planning phase. A Steering Group will be established, if appropriate following the decision at Council.

Review Date: Ongoing

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IMPACT ASSESSMENT ACTION PLAN

Please list below any recommendations for action that you plan to take as a result of this impact assessment (refer to Sections 3 & 4).

Issue	Action required	Lead officer	Timescale	Resource implications	Comments
Haslingden Primary School currently walk to Haslingden Pool – The decision could have transport and budget issues for them.	Further consultation needed	G. Hood/H. Lockwood	31 March 2009	To establish	Timescale indicative only – To be reviewed following decision at Council meeting on 26 February 2009.
Over 50's Swim,	Could be accommodated at Marl Pits Swimming Pool	A Hall/V Hindley	31 March 2009	To establish	Timescale indicative only – To be reviewed following decision at Council meeting on 26 February 2009.
Ladies Only,	Could be accommodated at Marl Pits Swimming Pool	A Hall/V Hindley	31 March 2009	To establish	Timescale indicative only – To be reviewed following decision at Council meeting on 26 February 2009.
GP referrals	Could be accommodated at Marl Pits Swimming Pool	A Hall/V Hindley	31 March 2009	To establish	Timescale indicative only – To be reviewed following decision at Council meeting on 26 February 2009.

Users of Haslingden Swimming Pool by Ethnic Group

1. Data has been sourced from Lancashire County Council neighbourhood statistics, using 2001 Census information provided by the Office for National Statistics.
2. Additionally, survey data on the location of users of Haslingden Swimming Pool has been drawn from work done by PMP Consultancy in Spring 2006.
3. Section 1 shows the breakdown of ward population by ethnic group.
4. Section 2 shows ward boundaries within the Borough.
5. Section 3 shows the location of swimming pool users in relation to current swimming pool provision and has been used as a guide to the wards representing the major users of Haslingden Swimming Pool.
6. From this data it has been assumed that Haslingden is predominantly used by residents of Eden, Greenfield, Helmshore and Worsley wards, and a breakdown of those ward populations by ethnic group is shown at Section 4.

Ethnic Groups in Rossendale by Ward

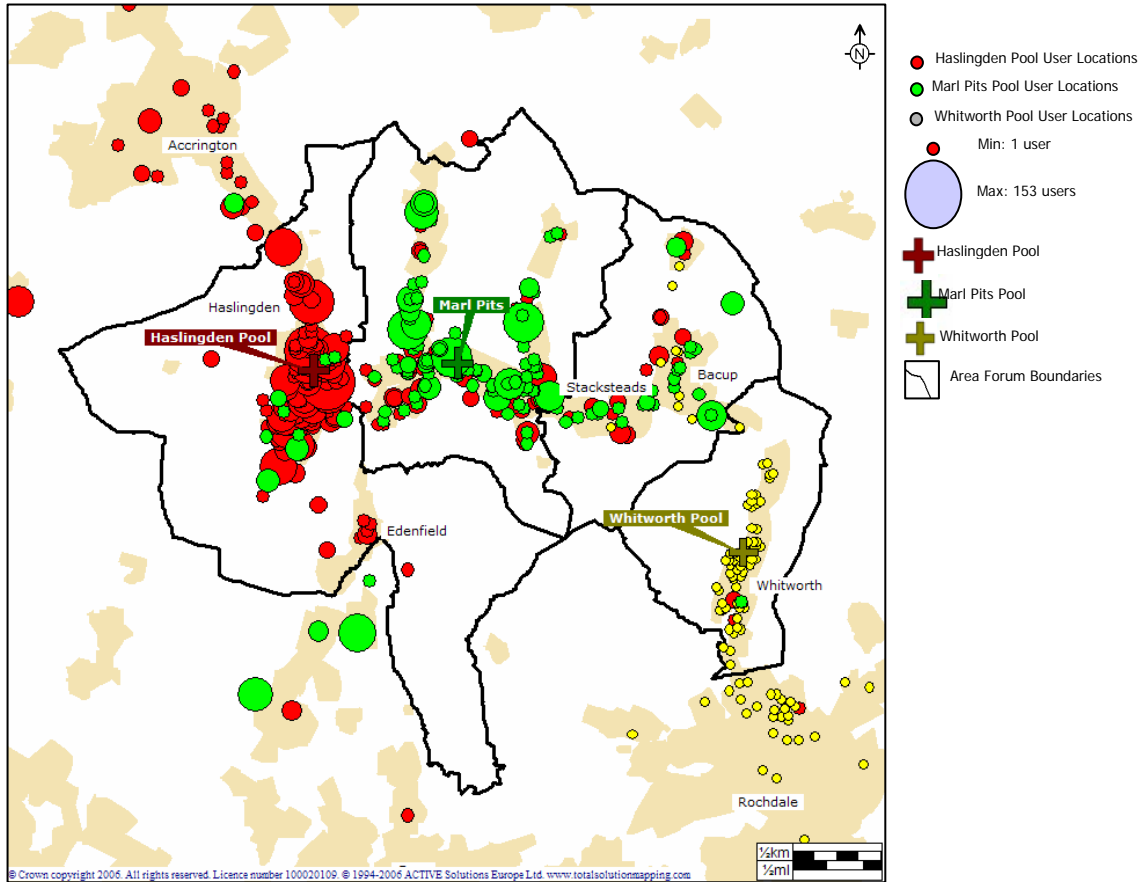
Facility	Marl Pits Swimming Pool					Haslingden Swimming Pool				Bacup Leisure Hall			Whitworth		Total	%
	Cribden	Goodshaw	Hareholme	Longholme	Whitewell	Eden	Greenfield	Helmshore	Worsley	Greensclough	Irwell	Stacksteads	Facit & Shawforth	Healey & Whitworth		
Asian or Asian British	270	12	273	286	19	16	382	48	632	16	24	17	8	9	2012	3.07
Black or Black British	3	5	4	9	3	4	6	6	3	3	0	3	3	4	56	0.09
Chinese or other ethnic people	0	3	0	0	3	0	10	4	3	0	3	0	3	0	29	0.04
Irish people	40	35	57	56	44	24	76	69	76	59	73	32	53	39	733	1.12
White people	3254	3497	5056	5135	5431	3444	4867	5500	4845	5252	4789	3734	3472	3578	61854	94.23
Chinese people	11	6	5	5	0	0	22	13	14	16	3	4	8	0	107	0.16
Other minority communities	50	36	74	67	49	58	94	86	97	48	69	41	41	39	849	1.29
Total	3628	3594	5469	5558	5549	3546	5457	5726	5670	5394	4961	3831	3588	3669	65640	

Source: Office for National Statistics – 2001 Census Data

Rossendale 2001 Census Wards



Location of Swimming Pool Users



Source: PMP Consultancy presentation, showing the residential location of swimming pool users surveyed in Spring 2006.

Haslingden Swimming Pool – Ethnic Groups in Surrounding Wards

Ward	Eden	Greenfield	Helmshore	Worsley	Total	%
Asian or Asian British	16	382	48	632	1078	5.28
Black or Black British	4	6	6	3	19	0.09
Chinese or other ethnic people	0	10	4	3	17	0.08
Irish people	24	76	69	76	245	1.20
White people	3444	4867	5500	4845	18656	91.46
Chinese people	0	22	13	14	49	0.24
Other minority communities	58	94	86	97	335	1.64
	3546	5457	5726	5670	20399	

Source: Office for National Statistics – 2001 Census Data

Rossendale on the Move

Usage comparison 2003-4 onwards

	<u>2003-4</u>	<u>2004-5</u>	<u>2005-6</u>	<u>2006-7</u>	<u>2007-8</u>
HSC	112,168	116,755	134,213	119,402	150,044
SR	64,248	95,235	105,995	84,285	85,787
HSP	87,699	85,880	94,504	79,701	98,788
MP	110,414	118,585	123,624	114,709	118,157
BLH	11,691	24,597	28,711	25,000	20,000
	386,220	441,052	487,047	423,097	472,776
		54,832	45,995	-63,950	49,679

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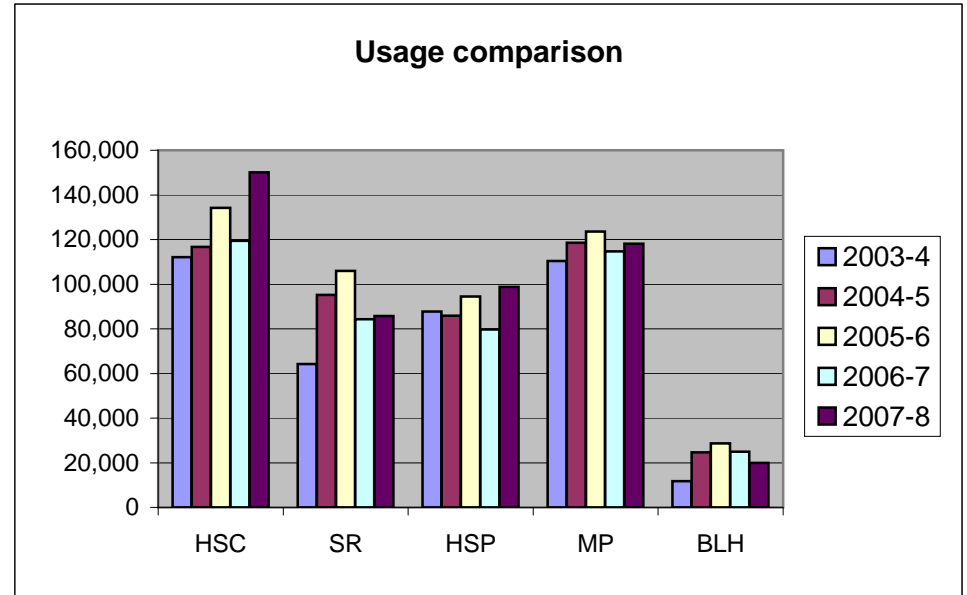
HSC = Haslingden Sports Centre

SR = Ski Rossendale

HSP = Haslingden Swimming Pool

MP = Marl Pits Swimming Pool

BLH = Bacup Leisure Hall



Notes:

1. Reason for decrease at Haslingden Swimming Pool 2006-07 due to removal of sunbeds the Trust takes view of recommendations by Environmental Health Officers and leading dermatologists; also concerned about potential risk from use of sunbeds which may lead to possible personal injuries claims.

Comparison of services currently available at each swimming pool within Rossendale

	Marl Pits Pool	Haslingden Pool	Whitworth Leisure Centre	New Pool
Monday	7.00 am – 9.30 pm	7.00 am – 9.30 pm	7.30 am- 8.00 pm	To be determined
Tuesday	12.00 pm – 9.00 pm	7.00 am – 9.00 pm	10.00 am -7.00 pm	
Wednesday	7.00 am – 9.30 pm	9.00 am – 9.15 pm	9.00 am – 7.00 pm	
Thursday	7.00 am – 9.00 pm	7.00 am – 9.30 pm	7.30 am – 8.00 pm	
Friday	7.00 am – 9.00 pm	7.00 am – 9.00 pm	10.00 am – 8.00 pm	
Saturday	8.00 am – 3.00 pm	9.00 am – 3.00 pm	9.00 am – 2.00 pm	
Sunday	9.00 am – 3.00 pm	8.00 am – 12.30 pm	9.00 am – 2.00 pm	

Session	Marl Pits Pool	Haslingden Pool	Whitworth Leisure Centre	New Pool
Early Birds Swim	✓	✓	✓ (Wake Up Whitworth)	✓
Ladies Only Swim	✓	✓	✓	✓
Over 50's Swim	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lunch Time Swim	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pool Pilates	✓	✓	x	✓
Public Swimming	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bacup Swim Club	✓	x	x	✓
Haslingden Swim Club	x	✓	x	✓
Rawtenstall Swim Club	✓	x	x	✓
Rays Swim Club	✓	x	x	✓
Adult Lessons	✓	x	✓	✓
Adult Only	✓	✓	✓	✓

Aqua Aerobics	✓	✓	✓ (Aqua Fit)	✓
Aqua Mobility	✓	X	X	✓
Aqua Aerobic Lite	✓	✓	✓ (Aqua Fit)	✓
Parent & Toddler	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aqua Natal	✓	X	X	✓
Laned Swimming	✓	✓	X	✓
Fun/Kids Session	✓	✓	✓ (Kids Hour)	✓
Family Fun	X (Fun Session)	X (Fun Session)	✓	✓
Under 5's & Accompanying Adults in Small Pool	✓	x	x	✓
Drop Off – Dip In	X	✓	X	✓
Schools	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pool Parties	✓	✓	✓	✓
Health Suite	X	✓	✓	✓
Junior Lessons	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sub Aqua	✓	✓	x	✓

School Swimming			
Day	School	Arrive	Depart
Tuesday	Tor View	9.00	12.00
LUNCHTIME			
	Holy Trinity	1.15	1.45
	St. Anne's	1.45	2.15
	Cribden House	2.15	2.45
Wednesday	Crawshawbooth	9.45	10.15
	* Thorn	10.15	10.45
	* Northern	10.45	11.15
	St. James the Less	11.15	11.45
LUNCHTIME			
	Water	1.15	1.45
	St. Peter's	1.45	2.15
	Balladen	2.15	2.45
Thursday	Newchurch	9.15	9.45
	St. Saviour's	9.45	10.15
	* Sharneyford	10.15	10.45
LUNCHTIME			
	Holy Trinity	1.15	1.45
	Cloughfold	1.45	2.15
	Waterfoot	2.15	2.45
	Leabrook Short Stay School	2.15	2.45
Friday	St. Mary's	1.15	1.45
	St. Joseph's	1.45	2.15
	Constable Lee	2.15	2.45

* it is anticipated that these schools would relocate to Whitworth Pool rather than Haslingden Pool.

Swimming Clubs			
Monday	Bacup Amateurs	6.30	9.30
Wednesday	Rawtenstall Amateurs	6.30	9.30
Sunday	Rosendale Rays	3.30	5.00

Leisure Review (Travel and Access to Leisure Sites)

1. Scope of Review

1.1 This document is intended to form a broad overview of the access to swimming facilities including distances to alternative sites, accessibility to public transport and prices for entry to alternative sites.

1.2 In preparing this note consideration has been made of the possible travel arrangements between various local population centres and the availability of swimming sites. It is not possible to include an exhaustive list of transport data from all possible locations for potential users. In order to provide a general guide a sample guide of possible journeys has been taken.

1.3 Travel data has been collected for six main sites, chosen to represent the broad population centres of the Borough. The sites chosen as starting points for travel to leisure facilities are Rawtenstall (main bus station); Bacup (main bus stop); Edenfield (bus stop and turning point adjacent to Rostron Arms); Haslingden (central crossroads); Whitworth (Market St/Tong Lane); Waterfoot (main bus stop). In utilising these sites it is intended that a sound basis for comparison may be drawn, without attempting to analyse the potential route of every possible customer.

1.4 The leisure sites included are the three current wet facilities in Rossendale (Marl Pits, Haslingden, Whitworth) and the facilities in Bury, Hyndburn, Burnley and Ramsbottom.

2. Travel Distances from Population Centre to Facility

2.1 Section 1 to this appendix includes the distances in miles, to the nearest tenth, by direct route from population centre to facility.

2.2 From central Rawtenstall there is currently access to 3 pools within 4 miles or less and 8 pools within a distance of 10.5 miles or less. The transport links and road network provide access to a large number of local facilities, although clearly Marl Pits, approximately half a mile from the town centre, is likely to be the favoured option of a customer travelling from home.

2.3 Direct routes from Bacup show two prime alternatives, Marl Pits and Whitworth, each within approximately 4 miles, with a further 3 facilities, Haslingden, Ramsbottom and Burnley, each with in 6-8 miles.

2.4 Nearest access from Edenfield is to Ramsbottom and Haslingden pools, both less than 3 miles away, with Marl Pits 4.4 miles and Castle Leisure Centre, Bury at 5.8 miles also close alternatives. The other four pools considered are

each 9-11 miles away and would seem unlikely to be preferred to the initial four when travelling from a home address.

2.5 Haslingden has, most obviously, Haslingden pool at a central location, with Marl Pits 3 miles away and Hyndburn Sports Centre & Ramsbottom Pool each approximately within 5 miles travelling.

2.6 Whitworth, again with its own local facility is the area most isolated from other alternatives. Only Marl Pits and Haslingden of the alternative sites are less than 10 miles away.

2.7 Waterfoot has access to Marl Pits, 1.3 miles away, Haslingden 3.6 miles, Ramsbottom & Whitworth, each approximately 5.5 miles away, with the other facilities all at least 8 miles away.

2.8 Clearly in all cases there is some alternative provision of pool facilities. In cases where there are approximately comparative alternatives, for example the choice between travelling to Whitworth or Rawtenstall for Bacup residents, there is scope for change in usage which would not have significant financial impact on users. However any change in usage of the 3 main sites which are within minimal or walking distance from population centres would clearly impact those customers who would require public or private transport if no such need currently exists.

3. Public Transport Access

3.1 Information on public transport access to the various sites has been obtained from web based journey planners. Detailed fare information is not available on websites. At the time of writing it has not been possible to obtain a full list of all the relevant bus fares although this information has been requested.

3.2 Section 2 outlines bus routes for access to the various facilities. Current bus route numbers have been included where access is by one or two buses only. The table is highlighted in cases where 2 buses are required each way. No data has been included in cases where 3 buses are required each way, or where a journey would take significantly in excess of an hour each way even allowing for all connections being made.

3.3 Whitworth is the only area for which there is no direct bus route to at least 4 facilities. In the case of Whitworth, there is only Marl Pits available by means of a single bus journey as an alternative to the parish's own pool.

3.4 The pools are situated on or close to main bus routes with bus frequencies of at least every half hour.

3.5 In terms of accessibility by public transport, Marl Pits is the most accessible site for all Rossendale's local population centres, being on a main bus link from each one. Haslingden is accessible in a single fare from all areas excepting Whitworth. Whitworth pool is accessible from four of the six areas and Ramsbottom and Bury's facilities are each accessible from three areas.

3.6 The two pool facilities available in the Hyndburn area appear to be reasonable alternatives only in terms of access from Haslingden, whilst the facility in Burnley is only accessible on a single bus journey from Rawtenstall or Bacup.

3.7 Whilst this information provides a general overview in terms of convenience of access by public transport the currently awaited fees information may also yet cast doubt on the viability of some alternatives.

4. Swimming Prices

4.1 Details of Swim prices are included in section 3 to this appendix.

4.2 In terms of a regular priced adult swim, the most expensive facilities are Marl Pits and Haslingden Pool, with lower priced alternatives elsewhere. However these two facilities are also the only two to offer free swimming to all under-fives.

4.3 The lowest standard charges are at Bury's Castle Leisure Centre and at Ramsbottom pool. However the main Bury site is one of the least accessible by public transport for the majority of Rossendale users and the furthest distance by private vehicle.

4.4 The variance in fees, excepting those for the under-fives, is fifty pence for concessionary swim and seventy pence for adult swim. These variations are low in comparison to the travel costs associated even with short car or bus journeys. It is therefore unlikely that fees are a significant factor either in determining choice of facility used, or that they would be regarded as a mitigating factor should a lower price be offered at an alternative to any unavailable facility.

5. Summary

5.1 It would appear that, for those areas which currently have no 'on the doorstep' facility i.e. Edenfield, Waterfoot and Bacup, there are alternative providers with comparative access to choose from.

5.2 In the case of Rawtenstall, should Marl Pits become unavailable, Haslingden and Ramsbottom would seem to be the most likely alternatives.

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5.3 If Haslingden pool were to become unavailable it seems likely that Marl Pits, Ramsbottom and Hyndburn Sports Centre would be the prima facie choice.

5.4 In the case of Whitworth, there is less obvious alternative provision. Marl Pits is the closest alternative in this case, but would include a significant increase in travel time and costs.

5.5 The details included in this review are based on general factors regarding access. However it is not known what proportion of customers, for example, use facilities close to their place of employment rather than residence. It is likely that these customers are tied to narrow windows of opportunity such as time slots pre-working hours or at lunch times. If so, then any additional travel time may prove a significant disincentive to use.

5.6 It is also likely there are factors such as 'brand loyalty' and lack of awareness of alternative facilities which are a factor in customer perceptions of the availability of alternatives. It may be that if facilities are rationalised customers would retain a preference for Rossendale-based sites. Alternatively a preference for the most convenient access may be the dominant factor. It is clear that facilities exist which provide customers with a choice of accessible sites. It is not clear what proportion of the Rossendale facilities' customer base would seek alternatives outside the borough, or be deterred from attendance of any facility, in the case of a withdrawal of any of the existing pools.

Appendix 5: Section 1 – Distance (miles) to Local Facilities from population centres.

	MARL PITS, BB4 7SN	HASLINGDEN POOL, BB4 6NX	WHITWORTH POOL, OL12 8BT	RAMSBOTTOM POOL, BL0 0PT	BURNLEY ST. PETER'S, BB11 2EF	HYNDBURN SPORTS, BB5 4EP	HYNDBURN MERCER BB6 7AT	CASTLE LEISURE BURY, BL9 0EZ
RAWTENSTALL BUS STATION BB4 7NG	0.7	2.0	7.3	4.0	7.5	7.5	9.5	10.5
BACUP BUS OL13 9NJ	4.1	6.4	3.6	8.4	7.4	13.9	16.0	13.4
EDENFIELD BL0 0JZ	4.4	2.8	10.9	1.4	10.9	9.5	11.5	5.8
HASLINGDEN BB4 5QJ	2.9	0.4	9.4	4.9	9.9	5.3	7.3	11.3
WHITWORTH OL12 8DP	6.6	8.9	0.4	10.9	10.8	14.4	19.4	11.6
WATERFOOT BB4 9AG	1.3	3.6	5.6	5.7	8.1	9.1	11.1	12.1

Appendix 5: Section 2 – Bus Routes to Local Facilities

	MARL PITS, BB4 7SN	HASLINGDEN POOL, BB4 6NX	WHITWORTH POOL, OL12 8BT	RAMSBOTTOM POOL, BL0 0PT	BURNLEY ST. PETER'S, BB11 2EF	HYNDBURN SPORTS, BB5 4EP	HYNDBURN MERCER BB6 7AT	CASTLE LEISURE BURY, BL9 0EZ
RAWTENSTALL BUS STATION BB4 7NG	482	464	464	273	X43	464,7	464,7	483
BACUP BUS OL13 9NJ	464	464	464	464,273	8			
EDENFIELD BL0 0JZ	483	484	243,464	273	483,X43	484,X41	484,7	483
HASLINGDEN BB4 5QJ	464	>0.5 mile travel (464)		484	464,X43	X41	X41	484
WHITWORTH OL12 8DP	464		>0.5 mile travel (464)		464,483			
WATERFOOT BB4 9AG	483	464	464	464,273	464,X43	464		464,483

KEY: CLEAR CELL = BUS NUMBER
 GREY CELL = 2 BUSES REIRED
 BLACK CELL = 3 BUSES/JOURNEY OVER 1 HOUR EACH WAY

Appendix 5: Section 3

Fees at Swim Facilities

	ADULT SWIM	CONCESSION	CHILD SWIM	UNDER - 5
MARL PITS	£3.50	£1.90	£1.90	FREE
HASLINGDEN POOL	£3.50	£1.90	£1.90	FREE
WHITWORTH	£3.10	£1.80	£1.80	UNDER 3 FREE
RAMSBOTTOM	£2.80	£1.40	£1.40	£0.60
BURNLEY	£3.10	£1.90	£1.90	AS CHILD
HYNDBURN SPORTS CENTRE	£3.30	£1.70	£1.70	AS CHILD
HYNDBURN MERCER HALL	£3.10	£1.65	£1.65	AS CHILD
CASTLE LEISURE CENTRE, BURY	£2.80	£1.40	£1.40	AS CHILD

Leisure Options Review – Public Feedback

1. Methodology

- 1.1 The Rossendale Borough Council Cabinet, at its meeting on 21st January 2009, agreed to a period of public feedback on the options for the future provision of leisure facilities in the borough. Agenda item D2, available on the Rossendale Borough Council website (www.rossendale.gov.uk), outlined the background to the issues concerned and detailed seven options for consideration.
- 1.2 The Cabinet agreed to a period of consultation ending on 10th February 2009 and, via the Rossendale Borough Council website and public media, has encouraged individual citizens and stakeholder groups to feedback comments and concerns about the options, so that the meeting of the Council on 26th February 2009 can have an informed debate on the issues before deciding on the way forward.
- 1.3 Feedback has been received by a variety of means including e-mail, online feedback form, letter, petitions, feedback proforma and local area forums. An analysis of that feedback and a review of the key issues raised is set out below.

2. Analysis of Feedback

- 2.1 Feedback has been received by the following means:

*e-mail to Councillors	123
e-mail to 'Leisure' inbox/other	76
via Leisure Trust	60
RBC website online forms	28
open letters	290
letters	21
	<u>598</u>

* the same e-mail to a number of Councillors has been counted once

- 2.2 The number of references to major issues from that feedback is:

closure of Haslingden pool	306	(37.1%)
closure of Marl Pits pool	319	(38.6%)
closure of Bacup Leisure Hall	19	(2.3%)
healthy lifestyle agenda	62	(7.5%)
impact on swimming lessons	55	(6.7%)
transport issues	12	(1.4%)
financial issues	36	(4.4%)
other	<u>17</u>	(2.0%)
	<u>825</u>	

The category 'other' includes comments related to overall leisure provision, such as athletics, rugby and roller skating, or to requests for specific information e.g. a copy of agenda item D2 or the names of Rossendale Leisure Trust Board members.

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- 2.3 Three public consultation meetings were held during week commencing 2nd February 2009 and attendances were as follows:
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| Bacup | 82 |
| Haslingden | 99 |
| Rawtenstall | <u>99</u> |
| | <u>280</u> |
- 2.4 There have been two face book sites set up in relation to the Council's Leisure Review, "Keep Haslingden and Marl Pits baths open" with 1009 members and "Save Swimming in Rossendale" with 1319 members. These figures were correct as at 16th February 2009.
- 2.5 There are also been 4 petitions:
A petition to 10 Downing Street which as at 16th February 2009 had 884 signatures.
"Keep a pool open in Haslingden" has 1712 signatures, "Keep a Pool open at Marl Pits" has 223 signatures and "Keep Marl Pits and Haslingden Pools Open" has 816 signatures. There is some evidence that a number of people have signed more than one of the petitions.

3. Key Issues

- 3.1 A recurrent theme in the feedback is the need to keep all existing pool facilities open until a new pool is built at Haslingden Sports Centre. The arguments for this are that Marl Pits pool provides a separate small pool for younger children and babies which Haslingden pool does not have and also that Marl Pits is equipped to deal with swimmers with disabilities eg. adapted changing rooms for swimmer and carer, special changing bed and poolside hoist. Conversely, the depth of Haslingden pool provides facilities for scuba training which Marl Pits does not.
- 3.2 Many comments have been about the convenience of local facilities in Rawtenstall and Haslingden and the reluctance or inability of people to travel to a different part of the borough to access a swimming pool. The additional cost of bus fares is mentioned by several respondents.
- 3.3 A number of comments have concerned the cost of the RLT head office and suggest that a reduction in that cost could be used to enhance the existing facilities at Haslingden and Marl Pits.
- 3.4 Some respondents have expressed concern about the impact of the possible closure of Marl Pits pool on the projected sports village at the site.
- 3.5 Using the comparator of CLAW, a number of comments refer to setting up community groups to manage each facility or a group of facilities, as an alternative to RLT.
- 3.6 A number of respondents refer to swimming being a compulsory aspect of key stage 2 within the education agenda and question how this can be delivered within the borough if pool closures go ahead.

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- 3.7 The conflict between the government's healthy lifestyle agenda, particularly childhood obesity, and the possible closure of leisure facilities is highlighted by a large number of respondents.

4. Key Issues from the public consultation meetings

- 4.1 A clear message from the consultation was the need for a complete review of all Leisure facilities, leading to a clear strategic understanding of the Leisure offer within the valley and a vision and direction of travel to sustain it in the long term.
- 4.2 There was a clear message that participants want the pools to remain open mainly due to concern about the lack of capacity. This view was widened to not wanting any pool to close until a new one was built.
- 4.3 A number of people expressed concern about the Council's commitment to its pledge to invest in a new pool. In contrast individuals and groups expressed they wanted to be closely involved in any consultation about its design, location and usage should the decision be taken for a new pool.
- 4.4 Leisure hall is the only one of its kind in the valley and should stay open as others have all closed i.e. Astoria, Public Hall.
- 4.5 Provide better advertisement for all services and events at the Leisure Hall and would be suitable for the arts

Issues and concerns raised during the consultation period have been collated to inform the decision making process.