

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY REGENERATION CABINET BOARD

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF RESOURCES AND COMMISSIONING

4th DECEMBER 2014

SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES 2014 - 2015

Libraries, Theatres, Community Centres, Margam Country Park, Leisure Centres and Swimming Pools

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is for Members to agree the proposed opening times for libraries, museums, theatres, community centres, Margam Country Park and leisure centres and swimming pools over the Christmas and New Year period 2014 - 2015.

Background

Members will be aware that traditionally over the Christmas and New Year period the opening times of the above facilities are amended to reflect patterns of demand and to accommodate statutory Bank Holidays. The proposals for opening and closing have a direct effect on front line staff and the arrangements for their annual leave over this period.

The following proposals have been prepared by taking into consideration historical levels of usage of the facilities.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Proposed Opening Hours Leisure Centres and Swimming Pools

Appendix 2 - Proposed Opening Hours – Margam Country Park

Recommendation

That Members agree the proposals for Christmas and New Year opening for the above facilities as detailed within Appendices 1 – 2.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

To ensure that the Council's facilities are available to the public when there is a demand for them to be open and to enable managers to make appropriate arrangements with front line staff over their annual leave for this period.

List of Background Papers

N/A

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES 2014 - 2015 Libraries, Theatres, Community Centres, Margam Country Park, Leisure Centres and Swimming Pools

(a) Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day period

(b) Sustainability Appraisal

Community Plan impacts

Economic Prosperity	-	no impact
Education & Lifelong Learning	-	no impact
Better Health & Well Being	-	positive
Environment & Transport	-	no impact
Crime & Disorder	-	no impact

Other Impacts

Welsh Language	-	no impact
Sustainable Development	-	no impact
Equalities	-	no impact
Social Inclusion	-	positive impact

(c) Consultation under Forward Work programme

There has been no requirement under the Constitution for external consideration on this item.

PROPOSED OPENING HOURS LEISURE CENTRES AND SWIMMING POOLS

	Tuesday 23.12.14	Wednesday 24.12.14	Thursday 25.12.14	Friday 26.12.14	Saturday 27.12.14	Sunday 28.12.14	Monday 29.12.14	Tuesday 30.12.14	Wednesday 31.12.14	Thursday 01.01.15	Friday 02.01.15
NLC Pool/Squash	Normal Opening	Closed	Closed	Closed	9.00am – 5.00pm	9.00am – 5.00pm	7.00am – 5.00pm	7.00am – 5.00pm	Closed	Closed	Normal Opening
NLC Gym	Normal Opening	Closed	Closed	Closed	9.00am – 5.00pm	9.00am – 5.00pm	7.00am – 5.00pm	7.00am – 5.00pm	Closed	Closed	Normal Opening
VON Pool	Normal Opening	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Opening
VON Gym	Normal Opening	Closed	Closed	Closed	8.00am – 3.00pm	8.00am – 3.00pm	8.00am – 3.00pm	8.00am – 3.00pm	Closed	Closed	Normal Opening
NSC	Normal Opening	Closed	Closed	Closed	10.00am – 4.00pm (Gym only)	10.00am – 4.00pm (Gym only)	10.00am – 4.00pm (Gym only)	10.00am – 4.00pm (Gym only)	10.00am – 4.00pm (Gym only)	Closed	Normal Opening
NSC-BAR	Normal Opening	2.00pm – 11.00pm	11.00am – 3.00pm	12.00pm – 11.00pm	Normal Opening	Normal Opening	Normal Opening	Normal Opening	3.00pm - 12.30am	Closed	Normal Opening
PSP	Normal Opening	Closed	Closed	Closed	9.00am – 2.00pm	9.00am – 1.00pm	10.00am – 4.00pm	10.00am – 4.00pm	Closed	Closed	Normal Opening
PLC Gym & Sports Hall	Normal Opening	Closed	Closed	12.00pm-8.00pm	8.00am-6.00pm	8.00am-6.00pm	8.00am-8.00pm	8.00am-8.00pm	8.00am-4.00pm	Closed	Normal Opening
PLC-BAR	Normal Opening	Closed	Closed	12.30pm-7.30pm	12.30pm-7.30pm	12.30pm-7.30pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Opening
Cymmer	Normal Opening	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Opening
Ultima	Normal Opening	8.00am - 12.00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	8.00am - 4.00pm	8.00am - 4.00pm	8.00am - 4.00pm	Closed	Closed	Normal Opening
Hengwrt	Normal Opening	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Opening
Gwyn Hall	Normal Opening	11am – 4.00pm	Closed	Closed	Normal Opening	Normal Opening	Normal Opening	Normal Opening	11am – 4.00pm	12.00pm – 4.00pm	Normal Opening
Central Staff	Normal Working Hours	am – Normal pm – Stat Holiday	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday	Non Working Day	Non Working Day	Normal Working Hours	Normal Working Hours	Extra Statutory Holiday	Bank Holiday	Normal Working Hours

PROPOSED OPENING HOURS – MARGAM COUNTRY PARK

The proposal for Margam Country Park is to close at 1.00pm on Wednesday 24th December 2014 (Christmas Eve) and to remain closed on Thursday 25th December 2014 (Christmas Day).

During the period from 26th December 2014 to, and including, 1st January 2015, the Park will be open 10am-4 pm for those wishing to walk around however no facilities will be available.

The Park will reopen as normal on Friday 2nd January 2015.

PROPOSED OPENING HOURS – LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS AND THEATRES.

The proposal for libraries is to close at 12 noon on Wednesday 24th December and to re-open on Friday 2nd January 2015.

The proposal for the Princess Royal Theatre is to close on Wednesday 24th December at 1pm and re-open Monday 5th January at 10am.

The proposal for Pontardawe Arts Centre is to close to the public following pantomime on Tuesday 23rd December and will re-open on Monday 5th January 2015. The Centre will be open to the public on Saturday 3 January for a performance at 1.30pm with only the box office opening from 12.30 - 1.30.

PROPOSED OPENING HOURS – COMMUNITY CENTRES & LIFELONG LEARNING SERVICE, TIR MORFA, PORT TALBOT.

All Community Centres including Tir Morfa will be closed from 1pm Wednesday 24th 2014 until Friday 2nd January 2015 (with the exception of Slimming World using Croeserw Community Centre on the 29th December 4.30pm-7.30pm).