

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
EDUCATION SKILLS AND WELLBEING CABINET BOARD

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Head of Leisure, Tourism, Heritage and Culture

Matter for: Decision

Wards Affected: All

Christmas and New Year Opening Times 2023.

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

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is for Members to agree the proposed opening times for the Christmas and New Year period 2023.

Executive Summary

2. Proposed Opening and Closure of facilities over the Christmas Holiday period 2023

Background

3. 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.

Appendix 1 - Proposed Opening Hours Leisure Centres and Swimming Pools

Appendix 2 - Proposed Opening Hours – Margam Country Park, Libraries, Museums, Theatres and Community Centres.

Financial Impact

4. The proposals are designed to offer a balance of public access, maximising income and ensuring staff cover over the Christmas and Bank Holiday period.

There are no financial impacts.

Integrated Impact Assessment

5. A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken and is appended as (Appendix 3) to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The first stage assessment has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required.

Valleys Communities Impacts

6. There are no Valleys Communities Impacts associated with this report.

Workforce Impacts

7. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impacts

8. There are no legal impacts associated with this report.

Risk Management

There are no Risk impacts associated with this report.

Consultation

9. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

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

Reasons for Proposed Decision

11. 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.

Implementation of Decision

12. The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices

13. Appendix 1 - Proposed Opening Hours Leisure Centres and Swimming Pools

Appendix 2 - Proposed Opening Hours – Margam Country Park, Libraries, Museums, Theatres and Community Centres.

Appendix 3 - First stage impact assessment.

List of Background Papers

14. None.

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