Report on	Leisure Disability Provision and Swimming Lesson Pilot
Date of Meeting	7th December 2022
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proposal presented. The proposal is to offer a pilot 12-week swimming programme commencing January 2023 and running until March 23, initially targeting younger children.	3.4	The proposal is to offer a pilot 12-week swimming programme commencing January 2023
Based in Dungannon Leisure Centre, the pilot programme is not seen as a replacement for Special Olympics activities nor School Swimming programmes but as additional opportunity for those that require additional assistance to take part in water-based activity.	3.5	
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3.7 3.8	Experienced coaches from Special Olympics Dungannon have agreed to lead the 12-week programme and Special Olympics Dungannon will invoice Council for their services.  The Participation Unit within the Health, Leisure & Wellbeing Department will fund the pilot programme from within existing revenue budgets.  Consideration will need to be given to budgetary support in sustaining and possibly expanding these activities to facilities in other District locations. A year long programme at a single centre organised in a similar fashion to centre bases swimming lessons could cost in the region of £1,500 per year in coaching costs (4 X 12-week sessions X £30 per hour).  The cost to access the 12-week programme would be £37.50 (as this meets the eligibility for Council's policy of 50% concession for specific groupings) and under advisement there would be 6 spaces available, and it is intended to advertise these spaces during December and would be filled on a first come first served basis. Should demand exceed supply, Officers will keep this under review and assess what other options/capacity are available at that point.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications  Financial: Pilot programme to be funded by existing revenue budgets for 2022/2023.  Total Income (Fee x Max Participants) £37.50 x 6 = £225.00 Total Expenditure (Coaching Cost x Weeks) £30.00 x 12 = £360.00 Net Cost to Operate = -£135.00  Achieving 85% occupancy Net Cost to Operate = -£172.50  Human: Officers time to co-ordinate and manage the planned programme. Delivered within existing resources at facility with support from specialised external coaches. (Costs of which can be derived via existing revenue budgets for 2022/2023)  Risk Management: Considered in line with Council Policies and Procedures.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: Considered in line with Council Policies and Procedures.  Rural Needs Implications: Considered in line with Council Policies and Procedures.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To note the contents of this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix A – Provision in leisure centres for those with additional needs.