

Motions with Replies
Central Area Committee Meeting
10th January, 2017

Item 1

Motion in the name of Councillor Ciaran Cuffe

That this Committee requests the Sports and Fitness Centres to reduce the amount of the increase in the new monthly fee to €12

Report

The Passport for Leisure Scheme is a discount scheme operated by a private company who upon payment of a membership fee (currently €10) issue a Passport for Leisure discount card. The scheme is available to all adults over 55 years of age. The scheme entitles the members to avail of a range of special discounts for access and use of Dublin City Council Sports and Fitness facilities as well as a range of discounts offered by the business sector including travel, eating out, theatre, cultural events etc.

Dublin City Council offers a range of discounts to Passport for Leisure members in its various Sports and Fitness facilities to encourage usage by those over 55 years of age. The scheme is not restricted to people living within the City of Dublin and when it was launched in 2007 it was proposed that the adjoining local authorities would also participate in the scheme under the same terms of discounts as Dublin City Council. This has not happened to date

This year as part of the review of the discounts offered by Dublin City Council it was considered appropriate that the age related availability of the scheme should be increased from 55 years to 60 years and that the pricing structure for the discounts should be broadly brought into line to reflect a 50% discount on the normal admission price with no time restrictions on access to the facilities. The discounts offered by the business sector in the scheme are usually in the range of 5% to 10% discounts with restrictions on availability.

The outcome of the review is that the age eligibility criteria will not be adjusted and that the discount price being offered will fall in line with the normal pricing structure but be discounted down by on average 50%. I consider that the 50% discount represents a fair and reasonable approach to the pricing structure for this scheme.

Please note new prices in DCC Leisure facilities from 1st January 2017

Leisure Centre	Pay as You Go	Monthly	Annually
Sports & Fitness Ballyfermot	€3.50	€15	€150
Sports & Fitness Ballymun	€3.50	€15	€150
Sports & Fitness Finglas	€3.50	€15	€150
Sports & Fitness Markievicz	€3.50	€15	€150
Swan Leisure Centre	€3.50	€15	€150
Gyms			
Sports & Fitness Irishtown	€2.50	€10	€100
Ballybough Community Youth & Fitness Centre	€2.50	€10	€100
Cabra Parkside Community Sports Centre	€2.50	€10	€100
St. Catherines Community Sports Centre	€2.50	€10	€100

Item 2

Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Committee agrees that the classes and public hours currently available at Sean McDermott Street swimming pool will not be reduced when the Markievicz Pool reopens.

Report

The Markievicz Sport and Fitness Centre reopened on the 19th of December 2016. All staff from this facility has resumed their positions in the Markievicz Sport and Fitness Centre. Sean McDermott Street Swimming pool will revert back to its normal operating hours. Which are the following: Tuesday 12.30-9.30pm, Wednesday 8.30am-6.30pm, Thursday 8.30-5.30pm, Friday 8.30-5.30pm and Saturday 9.30-2.30pm

Sean Mc Dermott Street Swimming Pool will be catering for the many schools and colleges in the surrounding area in relation to swimming classes. New children swimming lessons will also be introduced, along with other general swimming clubs being catered for. We will also have general swimming hours made available to the public.

If you have any further questions regarding Sean McDermott Street swimming pool please contact Ger Carty Senior Sports Development Officer & Water Safety Officer, Sport and Reaction Section, Community, Recreation and Economic Services.