

Question: PQ23.11&12

Cabinet – 1 September 2020

Re: Agenda item 23 – Hengrove PFI Leisure Centre

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The city benefits given on the decision pathway document state: "The Council will work with BAL to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and continue to work in partnership to increase participation and realise maximum health and social benefits for local residents" How will the council ensure value for the city in the PFI contract and financial adjustment if Hengrove pool is limited to smaller numbers of users and Jubilee pool is not reopened by the same operator to support the larger numbers of local residents looking to maintain a healthy lifestyle? This question is raised within the context of Covid prevention and treatment as only today the newspapers report a 48% increased risk of death in those patients who are obese.

Do the council and mayor agree that value for money for the residents of the city is only reached with the operator incorporating the reopening of Jubilee pool into the revised conditions for the financial adjustment for Hengrove? Thus providing greater value and representing 'one of the Mayor's seven key commitments in the corporate plan... making culture and sport accessible to all.'