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**Re: Agenda item 11 - Leisure Facilities Investment and Procurement**

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Having moved from London in the late 60's I was looking for a good standard of badminton club where I could improve my play in a friendly environment. I found several friendly clubs playing in what then was known as Kingsdown swimming baths. On completion of the new sports centre the facilities were some of the best in Bristol at the time, and thanks to this I was able to go on when lots of smaller church hall clubs were closing to play for Gloucester. My children have all benefitted from the facilities at Kingsdown whilst most of their colleagues roamed the streets looking for adventure!! It would be sacrilege to close a well run facility that gives young people the opportunity to do something useful with their lives rather than be a burden on society.