

FACILITIES

The provision of suitable and appropriate facilities for the needs of the sport and the public is fundamental. There is a need to ensure the individual needs of the community and the different aquatic disciplines are addressed including learn to swim, fitness swimming, swimming activities for non-swimmers, elite training and major events.

Key

Black	Local Authorities
Red	CSP
Green	Disciplines
Blue	Clubs
Purple	School Sports P'ship

POSITIVES

- 6 pool in Wirral sited in appropriate areas
- Comprehensive swimming programme (Swim Wirral) catering for all Wirral residents
- Low cost for Wirral residents to use facilities
- New 50m pool in Liverpool – great + club
- Good relationship with management and other partners x 2
- Good timetabling balance in each facility e.g exclusive lesson times x 2 + club
- Range of aquatics programmes to suit all abilities x 4
- NPTS – ASA partnership – Liverpool & St Helens
- Contracted staff at all sites – St Helens
- Customers encouraged to feedback on activities, ideas for new sessions, times, value
- Incentive packages offered to customers – inclusive activity sessions, gym&swim x 2
- Good standard facilities
- Local pool available up to 24 hrs /week for club use
- Pool available in local area x 3 +short distance to schools
- Opening times good
- Always warm
- Local contacts
- Opportunity for Swim 21 clubs to access Liverpool 50m
- More facilities available
- New facility – Leigh Sports Village
- Well maintained
- Club support
- 2 nice public pool
- well trained pool staff & instructors
- 2 schools have pools
- Borough pools used extensively during curricular time – expanding this year
- Large no of pools:population – Tameside
- LA investing in refurbishment of extg LC in next 12-18 mths
- New 8 lane 25m competition pool opened in 2005 – Palatine
- 5 x facilities WBC & penketh PC
- Total fitness positively working – PCT/School links

NEGATIVES

- 5 of 6 Wirral facilities 30+ years old
- No diving facility in Wirral + SSP Warrington
- Badly designed pools/changing x 2
- Not enough variety for younger/older persons x 2 +SSP inc sport specific
- Never enough pool space
- Lack of specific teaching pools
- Lack of exclusive use of options for school swimming – particularly changing rooms
- Funding opportunities/control of budget to supply
- Not enough outreach or customer open days
- Programming of some sessions does not always reflect demand x 2+ SSP
- Some club sessions late at night. Barrier for young swimmers
- Not enough time allocated to specific clubs
- No 6 lane pool in Ulverston
- Pool hire costs too expensive x 3
- No pools in (Cumbria) suitable to hold proper County competitions + SSP Warrington
- Dated facilities – poor maintenance x 2 +SSP not motivating young people to attend
- Old equipment
- Nowhere to sit & relax
- Lack of 50m pools x 2
- Poor quality in some areas – needs regulating
- Restricted times x 3 + SSP
- Closing local pools x 2 + LA
- Difficult for M&D to hire suitable venue for Championships
- Lack of water polo facilities in NW
- Private clubs high cost to user
- Asa not promoting clubs
- No consultation with users/asa re design of new pools
- Status of leisure within LA often 2nd class compared to education /health /transport
- Dated competition equipment
- Lack of other aquatic disciplines + SSP
- Funding for outdoor pools for cover to extend opening hours, increase income
- Low paid, poor standard, large turnover of staff. Leisure companies financially driven no development objectives
- Inappropriate session selection eg lanes closed off during family swim upsets lane swimmers & family session
- Expense, travel & Club capacity to take new members
- Inflexible pool management – narrow in views & outlook
- Low availability of pool time during day due to schools programme
- Condensed timetable for L2S – inconvenient times

IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED FOR THE FUTURE

- Joint funding for updating facilities
- Funding opportunities for new projects x 2
- Ensure ASA engages with RFS and use strategy to develop & build new facilities x 2
- Consultation/advice in relation to new builds through CSP – use Merseyside Aquatics forum
- Ensure links made with BSF programme – possibly target borough & priorities
- Review of facilities (more or less)
- Ensure good balance between public and programmed usage
- Review & change programmes to suit customer demands x 2
- Monitor & encourage different sessions/marketing to all users
- Invest in alternative programme to suit all levels
- If facility in area of deprivation promote free swimming
- National Club sponsorship
- Look at diving facilities in new pools – upgrading of boards where provision is possible – look at club structures around
- Pools to be better maintained and subsidised + LA +SSP x 2
- 8 lane 25m pool, with adequate spectator seating required in Cumbria
- Up to date facilities + SSP
- Good clean changing areas
- Equipment easily available
- Reduce pool hire costs
- More 50m pool time and 50m pools x 2
- Every secondary school to have a pool
- Clubs be allowed to teach swimming
- Consult with & listen to users x 2
- More help from LA
- More funding & support for local clubs
- Better trained & recognised staff at facilities
- Consult with clubs & asa before new facilities built
- Advocacy with Leisure companies & As who do not subsidise school swimming
- More facilities
- Clear guidance re expectations of staff, lifeguards, swim instructors. Standardisation throughout. Further training required
- Better SCL at local pool, not central venue. Talented kids cannot or will not travel. Need to make contact informal with club first rather than just be expected to turn up
- Facilities open up sessions aimed at improver swimmers linked to club to provide pathway for potential G&T
- Encourage more use of school facilities & cross borough cooperation/good practice
- Better & increased advertising campaigns
- Changes in pool management attitudes
- LA & Sports Trust programmed refurbishment of facilities
- Wider use of local hydrotherapy pool
- Explore better links with FIA independent facilities