

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - COMMUNITY - 20 JANUARY 2009

QUESTION FOR PORTFOLIO HOLDER
UNDER STANDING ORDER NO.20

Question from Cllr Branston for the Portfolio Holder - Environment and Leisure

If a new swimming pool has not been built by 2019 would you please advise how much you estimate will be spent in this 10 year period on improving current facilities, repair and renovation.

Answer

If a new swimming facility is not built by 2019 then the Pyramids will require a substantial refurbishment to ensure it remains operational certainly within 5 years. Previously a cost analysis was undertaken to assist with an option appraisal to determine the cost of refurbishing the Pyramids or providing a new facility. Both appraisals were based over a twenty year period to ensure comparative equality.

A refurbishment will provide a similar facility to the existing building for twenty years but will not enhance its existing programme or cater for future population growth as its programme is already saturated.

A recent Condition Survey has been used to identify the building structural condition and mechanical and electrical condition was well as the Pool Plant. The projected twenty year appraisal conclusion is that with the refurbishment and ongoing costs the Pyramids will cost £12,958,674.

As the five year refurbishment would be essential it is difficult to answer the question of cost over ten years. Once the refurbishment has been undertaken the facility would have a twenty year projected lifespan.

