



# Leisure Strategy and Pools on the Park health suite update

We are currently developing a brand new Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity Strategy for the borough and are providing this update as of August 2023.

The strategy will be the culmination of a number of workstreams that we have undertaken in the last few years to fully understand the role that leisure, sport and physical activity plays within the borough. This has included:

- Assessing the condition of our leisure facilities
- Understanding who is using them and when or why
- Understanding who is not using them and why
- Reviewing the financial viability of our centres
- Reviewing how the centres are recovering from the pandemic
- Working with stakeholders such as Public Health to identify improved health outcomes for residents

This work also includes a review of the investment required in our leisure centres.

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## Pools on the Park health suite

We know that residents are frustrated that the health suite at Pools on The Park continues to be out of use during this period, and we want to reassure users of the leisure centres that we are committed to providing leisure services which meet the needs of our residents.

To ensure that investment into our facilities is made in line with the evidence gathered for the final strategy, any decisions regarding the health suite will be made once the strategy work is complete.

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## 2022 survey results

We have just published the results of the consultation we carried out at the end of last year and the beginning of this year. This included an online survey where we had an amazing 1,295 responses and also three focus groups with people who are currently underrepresented at our leisure centres.

View the [results of the survey](#).

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## Draft strategy

We are working to deliver a draft strategy in Autumn this year, and following this we will again be looking to hear from users and residents and gather their feedback.

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## Further information

We'd like to thank you for your understanding and patience and look forward to sharing the Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity Strategy and an update on the health suite with you soon.

If you have any further questions, contact [ProgrammeTeam@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:ProgrammeTeam@richmond.gov.uk).

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