


**Report of:** Strategic Director for Physical Environment

**To:** Community Scrutiny Committee


**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007

**Item No:**



**Title of Report :** Free swimming for children – a review of the first 12 months



**Summary and Recommendations**




**Purpose of report:** To report analysis of the first twelve months of the Council's free swimming for children scheme



**Key decision:** No


**Portfolio Holder:** Councillor David Rundle

**Scrutiny Responsibility:** Community




**Area(s) affected:** All


**Report Approved by**




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**Policy Framework:** Oxford Plan – reduce inequality through social inclusion, Social Inclusion Strategy



**Recommendation(s):**



1. To note the report
2. To recommend that Leisure & Cultural Services take action to address the issues raised in this report, particularly relating to the lower take-up of the scheme in areas of high child poverty





## Appendix 1

1. Since April 2006, all children under the age of 17 years have received free swimming in Council pools during general sessions.
2. The attached report analyses data from the KIDS Slice cards which are issued to children receiving free swimming, and relates to swimming sessions taken in the first twelve months of the scheme.
3. The report details several key findings, not repeated here, regarding geographical variation in take-up of the scheme across the city.
4. Leisure & Cultural Services are investigating the findings in this report so that immediate action can be taken to address them.

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**Background papers:** none

