Background Document

Current Press Articles regarding the Energy Crisis and impact on leisure facilities:

<u>UK Gyms Shutting Hot Tubs, Turning Down Pool Temperatures to Save Money - Bloomberg</u>

<u>Freedom Leisure announces its first swimming pool closures due to unprecedented increases in energy costs</u> | Freedom Leisure (freedom-leisure.co.uk)

Cost of living crisis: Freedom Leisure drops pool temperatures - BBC News

Halo Leisure under huge pressure as energy bills rocket | Hereford Times

Hundreds of swimming pools could close because they can't afford energy bills (telegraph.co.uk)

Fears leisure centre could close after operator pulls out due to 'costs' (yahoo.com)

Information from Governing Bodies and Industry experts:

LGA:

<u>Briefing note for councils – the impact of rising energy costs on the leisure sector | Local</u> Government Association

UK Active:

ukactive responds to Government's plans to help cut energy bills for businesses | ukactive

<u>ukactive calls on new PM Liz Truss to stop energy crisis becoming major physical and mental health</u> <u>crisis | ukactive</u>

<u>Sector leaders call for urgent action from Government as energy costs put leisure facilities and pools</u> at risk of closure within six months | ukactive

Sport England:

Reducing energy costs | Sport England

Swim England:

Temporary closure of pools due to energy costs 'the tip of the iceberg' (swimming.org)

Energy Bill Relief Scheme welcomed but pools still require long-term help (swimming.org)

New PM warned energy costs could close 'crucial' swimming pools

Other:

Energy reduction for leisure centres; reducing costs in swimming pools (wcs-group.co.uk)