



Zest Centre Reopening: Full Statement 15th July 2020

Following the Government announcement allowing the reopening of leisure facilities, we want to provide you with an update with regard the **Zest Centre**.

Although facilities are allowed to open from the 25th July, we have taken the decision to delay our reopening to September, to ensure we can adapt and prepare the premises in response to government and industry guidelines, and ensure we have clear protocols in place to ensure the safety of our staff and customers.

As you are aware, the Zest Centre hosts a range of dedicated community services, which means we have a multitude of needs to consider, and we have to adapt our offer with this in mind.

It is important that we take a step by step approach to reopening to make sure we get our service offer right. The initial offer will be dedicated to provision of a teaching pool for swimming lessons and to test run a selection of public sessions, including a limited library service.

From October the leisure offer will expand but will still not be a return to 'business as usual' as reduced numbers in each of our sessions means reduced levels of income. We are continuing to explore a range of options to ensure we can provide a range of safe and accessible services that will continue to meet your needs.

We continue to deliver a range of responsive community services, including a busy summer programme for young people and families and a range of tailored health and employment support services.

We will issue regular updates in the weeks ahead, as our revised offer and timetable takes shape. We will be asking for your views as part of this process.

We appreciate your continued patience and support, in the face of continued uncertainty.

Take care and stay safe.

Matt Dean
Zest Chief Executive

