

University of York and City of York Council

Statement of intent with regard to the development of a swimming pool and fitness facilities

1. Both signatories to this document wish to expand the range of sports provision availability in York. The University does not currently have a swimming pool and needs to expand its fitness provision. The City has ambitious plans for swimming provision within the city and a new pool on the eastern side will ensure that the already announced provision on the western side is complemented.
2. The University of York and the City of York Council agree to work in partnership to bring forward plans for the development and implementation of a swimming pool and fitness complex.
3. A Steering Group will be established, encompassing a range of interest groups, to take this project forward, including consideration of the capital cost and revenue, the management and access arrangements, the funding contributions and responsibilities and the likely timescale.
4. A number of key principles will guide this development:
 - The facilities will be open to all, and community access will be encouraged
 - The provision should be of competition standard
 - The facilities should be environmentally, socially and economically sustainable
 - Responsibility for the funding of the project will be a joint responsibility
5. Dependent on the outcome of the public inquiry into University expansion onto the Heslington East site, the preferred location for the facilities is Heslington East. In this event, the development will be in accordance with the planning conditions imposed by the Secretary of State.

Note: This Statement of Intent has been signed by both parties