## **Core Cities**

Core City	GLL?	What's happened?
Belfast	Yes	Reopened most of their leisure centres. No details available re whether this is
		with or without additional financial support.
Birmingham	No	Leisure Centres operated by the Council
Bristol	No	Leisure Centres managed by Everyone Active (part of SLM Sport & Leisure
		Management Group) and 2 centres by Parkwood Leisure
Cardiff	Yes	TBC
Glasgow	No	Glasgow Life, on behalf of the Council, operates leisure centres. Glasgow Life is a
		charity and is the operating name for Culture and Sport Glasgow.
Leeds	No	Leisure Centres operative by Active Leeds, part of Leeds City Council
Liverpool	No	Leisure Centres are operated by the Council, as Lifestyles Centres
Manchester	Yes	Manchester Council has provided circa £872,000 for April – July 2020 to cover
		<b>fixed costs</b> to GLL associated with closure and no trading income. The report
		states that financial pressures on GLL could increase, depending on phasing of
		relaxing of the lockdown and timing of activities re-opening. ii
Newcastle	Yes	Some leisure centres and sport facilities re-opened but several leisure centres
		remain closed, with 35 staff (40%) likely to be made redundant.
		Newcastle City Council <b>issued GLL a loan</b> from an emergency £5million fund set
		up to help businesses through the C-19 crisis but the loan is not enough to keep
		every leisure centre open. GLL also requested an adjustment to their previous
		loan facilities. <sup>iii</sup>
Nottingham	No	Leisure Centres operated by Active Nottingham, part of the Council.
Sheffield	No	Leisure facilities managed by Places for People and Sheffield International
		Venues.

## Other local authorities re GLL

Local Authority	Details		
Bath & NE	The Council has provided financial support in line with government supplier relief		
Somerset Council	guidance (PPN 02/20) to its contractor GLL to ensure its leisure centres can continue to operate.		
	The Council has agreed contract variations, including removing a centre from the contract, re-opening dry facilities only and exploring investment opportunities iv		
Bracknell Council	For three leisure centres, the Council is reported to have: - Provided GLL with a £2.5million bailout <sup>v</sup>		
Cornwall Council	The Council is reported to have provided a £6M bail out to GLL, via delegated authority to the Leader. vi		
Greenwich Council	The Council is reported to have provided GLL with a £800,000 support package and extended its contract until 2031. vii		
Islington Council	For eight leisure centres, the Council:  - deferred rent payments of £1.274m  - made a payment towards GLL's costs till the end of June and  - paid a £195,000 management fee earlier than usual, to provide cash flow for GLL.  This package was extended to September and has recently been extended to March 2021, with the intention to claw back the deferred rent and extra payment against any		

been taken into account. <sup>viii</sup>
The Council approved an interim payment, estimated at £790,000, for 20 March 2020 to 28 June 2020, to be funded from surplus profits held in the 'Development Pot'.
The Council approved a variation of the contract to reflect the commercial positions regarding changes to profit share allocations, insourcing of the sports inclusion programme and review of any further interim relief payment proposals from GLL within the current balance of the 'Development Pot'. ix
For one leisure centre, the Council has paid GLL:  - £410,000 for March – July  - £156,000 in instalments for remainder of financial year. This amount could be reduced if it costs GLL less than anticipated.
Members were advised by the Council's assistant director of finance that GLL could have terminated the contract if the bailout was not agreed as it had lost income for more than 3 months during the lockdown. He also advised that the Council would be able to enforce the contract if a further request came, unless there was a further lengthy lockdown.
The Council is reported to have provided GLL with a support package of circa £600,000.xi

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> <a href="https://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/news/better-leisure-centres-across-belfast-announce-fur\_downloaded">https://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/news/better-leisure-centres-across-belfast-announce-fur\_downloaded</a> 16 October 2020

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