

**ITEM NO: 15**

**SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF CHILD MINDING FACILITIES ON-SITE AT THE SPRINGWOOD FITNESS AND AQUATIC CENTRE**

**FILE NO: F00088**

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**By Councillor A McLaren:**

“That the Council investigate alternative options for the provision of child minding facilities on-site at the Springwood Fitness and Aquatic Centre and a report come back to council outlining the options and associated costs.”

**Background**

The Springwood Fitness and Aquatic Centre currently offers child minding during certain group fitness classes. The current arrangement results in a significant reduction in the size of the group fitness area as the space is partitioned in two to allow for the child minding. This obviously reduces the number of people who are able to participate in the class.

Morning classes at the Centre are extremely popular and there have been complaints from patrons who have been turned away as the class is full. Centre Management have implemented some changes in an attempt to address the issue including giving members priority access to classes and offering additional classes. However morning classes remain popular.

The provision of child minding facilities in another location on-site would allow more people to participate in the group fitness classes and avoid the inconvenience of being turned away.

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