



# Media Release

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## **STARBECK POOL TO RE-OPEN**

Specialists have completed an £18,000 dilapidation and condition survey of Starbeck Swimming Pool and the facility will re-open on Monday, 21 June.

Consultants Brentwood Design Partnership from Warrington have been contracted by the council to carry out this full survey of the swimming pool facility. They have been asked to identify the work which would be required to retain the facility over a five, 20 and 25 year period.

As well as a full condition survey of the building, the specialists have also taken samples from the swimming pool tank itself, which have been sent off for analysis to ascertain its structural condition. This necessitated the pool to be drained and the building to be closed for a three week period.

The Starbeck Baths' Advisory Group will discuss the full condition report later in the summer. This will be a public meeting and advance notice of the date will be given when it is known.

The Advisory Group is also looking at alternative management options, including the possibility of setting up a Trust to run the pool. The Group will be taking into account the research undertaken by the residents' group and the baths' action group when it makes its report to the council's cabinet in November.

In the meantime the pool will remain open for normal business. ENDS

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** is available from **Andy McCormick, Head of Sport and Leisure on 01423 556732.**