

By hardcopy to the Chief Executives of:

Metropolitan District Councils (England)  
Non-metropolitan District Councils (England)  
Unitary Authorities (England)  
London Borough Councils  
Common Council of the City of London  
Council of the Isles of Scilly

Metropolitan County Councils (England) – for information  
Non-metropolitan County Councils (England) – for information

Chairs of the Joint Implementation Teams in the restructuring areas

7 October 2008

Dear Colleague

## **FREE SWIMMING PROGRAMME**

### **Pots 2 and 3 Allocation Confirmation**

1. As set out in our letter of 29 July and the subsequent addendum, and as per the terms and conditions of those communications, I am writing to you with details of allocations for Pot 2 (funding to provide free swimming for those aged 16 or under) and Pot 3 (funding for capital projects designed to modernise pool provision, as part of the free swimming offer). I confirm that the offer is now closed and thank all those local authorities who have opted in to Pot 1 and expressed interest in Pot 2.
2. 300 local authorities have chosen to offer free swimming to their local residents aged sixty or over. I am very grateful for what is clearly a strong desire amongst the huge majority of authorities to get more people more active and to be part of a lasting legacy from the 2012 Olympic Games.
3. 296 local authorities have also chosen to submit an expression of interest in Pot 2 for those aged sixteen or under. Set out at **Appendix A** are the proposed allocations to each of these local authorities, according to a formula based on the size of each authority's local sixteen or under population. In addition, other initiatives such as swimming lessons and Free Swimming Co-ordinators will be funded from the overall funding package. Free Swimming Coordinators will work alongside local authorities to help develop and deliver the Free Swimming Programme.
4. Also set out at **Appendix A** are the pro rata total population-based allocations to Local Authorities of the £10 million capital Pot 3. £10 million has been made available in financial year 2008/09 to reward those authorities which sign up to Pots 1 and 2 (including those who already make available free swimming offers that would otherwise have qualified for funding). These authorities are also eligible to apply for funding from Pot 4: The Free Swimming Capital Modernisation Programme, which Sport England is administering on behalf of Government. Further information is available on the Sport England website at:

[http://www.sportengland.org/index/get\\_funding/swimming\\_capital\\_modernisation\\_programme.htm](http://www.sportengland.org/index/get_funding/swimming_capital_modernisation_programme.htm)

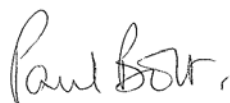
5. More details on Pots 2 and 3 are at **Appendix B**.

**Local Authorities who do not own pools and residency criteria**

6. Following feedback from local authorities, we have been exploring ways in which we can ensure that the Free Swimming Programme can be extended to include those local authorities who do not own their own pools.
7. As a result, therefore, where an authority which does not own its own pools is able to demonstrate that it has entered into a suitable arrangement with a neighbouring authority or authorities for the use of its pools, we will arrange for the first authority's share of the grant to be distributed to the neighbouring authority or authorities.
8. In addition, following feedback from local authorities, we take this opportunity to state that free swimming for those of the eligible age means that people in that age group who wish to swim, at any time throughout the year (or out of school hours throughout the year for those aged 16 or under), when they would normally be admitted to the pool for public swimming, and in accordance with local programming, should not be charged for doing so. The scheme has no residency criteria.

**Confirmation of participation and payment of grants**

9. **By 24 October 2008**, could local authorities who would like to take up the Government's free swimming offer for those aged sixteen and under, and therefore receive an allocation from the £10m capital fund, and those local authorities without pools who would like to participate (providing the relevant brief information as outlined above) please fill in the attached pro forma (attached electronically). This will allow us to pay capital grants as soon as possible to those signed up to Pots 1 and 2, and pay out revenue grants promptly on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.
10. This pro forma should be returned to [freeswimming@liberata.com](mailto:freeswimming@liberata.com) . General queries on the Programme should be still be directed to DCMS on 020 7211 6200 or at [enquiries@culture.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@culture.gov.uk) .
11. The payment of these Free Swimming Programme grants for financial years 2009/10 and 2010/11 are subject to the terms and conditions as set out in our letter of 29 July 2008 and the subsequent addendum.



**PAUL BOLT**  
Director, Sport and Leisure  
Department for Culture, Media and Sport

7 October 2008

## FREE SWIMMING PROGRAMME GRANT ALLOCATIONS FROM POTS 1, 2 &amp; 3

	£15,000,000	£25,000,000	£10,000,000
Local Authority	Pot 1	Pot 2	Pot 3
<b>ENGLAND</b>	<b>£15,000,000</b>	<b>£25,000,000</b>	<b>£10,000,000</b>
<b>UNITARY AUTHORITIES</b>			
BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET UA	£55,504	£78,108	£39,963
BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN UA	£33,386	£88,553	£32,138
BLACKPOOL UA	£49,800	£67,980	£32,476
BOURNEMOUTH UA			
BRACKNELL FOREST UA			
BRIGHTON AND HOVE UA	£66,354	£104,762	£57,211
BRISTOL, CITY OF UA	£100,574	£179,462	£93,403
DARLINGTON UA	£31,021	£50,238	£22,605
DERBY UA	£67,884	£120,654	£53,768
EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE UA	£120,049	£150,999	£75,289
HALTON UA	£31,299	£63,143	£27,193
HARTLEPOOL UA	£26,848	£48,170	£20,738
HEREFORDSHIRE UA	£67,467	£83,026	£40,461
ISLE OF WIGHT UA			
KINGSTON UPON HULL, CITY OF UA			
LEICESTER UA	£65,102	£154,197	£65,909
LUTON UA	£43,262	£106,649	£42,501
MEDWAY UA	£64,267	£136,169	£57,267
MIDDLESBROUGH UA	£37,698	£72,721	£31,500
MILTON KEYNES UA	£46,740	£124,118	£51,143
NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE UA	£49,939	£82,385	£36,150
NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE UA	£52,026	£78,614	£36,175
NORTH SOMERSET UA	£72,614	£95,057	£45,828
NOTTINGHAM UA	£63,711	£126,675	£65,163
PETERBOROUGH UA	£42,428	£87,752	£37,150
PLYMOUTH UA	£73,031	£114,387	£56,454
POOLE UA			
PORTSMOUTH UA	£49,939	£87,305	£44,685
READING UA	£32,412	£66,478	£32,483
REDCAR & CLEVELAND UA	£46,462	£69,006	£31,741
RUTLAND UA*	£12,937	£19,905	£8,710
SLOUGH UA	£25,039	£65,687	£27,195
SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE UA	£74,700	£128,622	£57,886
SOUTHAMPTON UA	£56,199	£96,961	£52,024
SOUTHEND UA	£53,278	£79,390	£36,373

STOCKTON-ON-TEES UA	£52,582	£97,426	£43,038
STOKE-ON-TRENT UA	£71,362	£117,662	£54,535
SWINDON UA	£48,548	£95,524	£42,463
TELFORD AND WREKIN UA	£42,428	£87,924	£36,840
THURROCK UA	£37,141	£81,821	£33,872
TORBAY UA	£54,808	£59,113	£30,309
WARRINGTON UA	£55,782	£98,705	£44,153
WEST BERKSHIRE UA	£40,202	£80,305	£33,849
WINDSOR AND MAIDENHEAD UA	£39,506	£73,273	£31,585
WOKINGHAM UA	£39,089	£80,048	£35,004
YORK UA	£57,312	£79,342	£43,639

**COUNTY DISTRICTS**

ADUR			
ALLERDALE	£33,942	£43,867	£21,454
ALNWICK	£12,380	£13,846	£7,291
AMBER VALLEY	£38,950	£57,874	£27,309
ARUN			
ASHFIELD	£35,611	£57,100	£26,316
ASHFORD	£33,803	£60,308	£25,297
AYLESBURY VALE	£45,071	£91,565	£39,143
BABERGH	£31,438	£43,482	£19,723
BARKING & DAGENHAM	£38,254	£100,860	£37,699
BARNET	£83,047		
BARNSLEY	£68,580	£111,433	£50,858
BARROW-IN-FURNESS	£23,648	£35,691	£16,330
BASILDON			
BASINGSTOKE & DEANE	£40,619	£82,588	£36,105
BASSETLAW	£36,307	£54,251	£25,355
BEDFORD	£43,401	£79,884	£35,206
BERWICK-UPON-TWEED	£11,268	£10,271	£5,909
BEXLEY	£64,963	£116,061	£50,422
BIRMINGHAM	£248,027	£574,019	£229,022
BLABY	£28,934	£45,492	£21,056
BLYTH VALLEY	£24,205	£39,646	£18,477
BOLSOVER	£24,205	£36,269	£16,823
BOLTON	£75,118	£141,769	£59,717
BOSTON	£21,701	£27,287	£13,263
BRADFORD	£123,944	£286,611	£112,203
BRAINTREE	£40,619	£72,535	£31,785
BRECKLAND	£47,574	£59,715	£29,197
BRENT	£58,286	£130,197	£61,761
BRENTWOOD			
BRIDGNORTH	£19,614	£22,292	£11,789

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BROADLAND*	£45,627	£54,773	£27,802
BROMLEY			
BROMSGROVE	£31,160	£44,745	£20,840
BROXBOURNE	£25,874	£46,133	£20,235
BROXTOWE	£34,498	£47,896	£25,124
BURNLEY	£25,178	£47,475	£20,019
BURY	£52,443	£96,572	£41,619
CALDERDALE	£57,173	£103,325	£45,175
CAMBRIDGE			
CAMDEN	£39,367	£90,454	£51,755
CANNOCK CHASE	£26,848	£48,254	£21,457
CANTERBURY	£48,131	£65,523	£33,262
CARADON	£31,299	£37,735	£18,955
CARLISLE	£34,359	£47,567	£23,508
CARRICK	£35,333	£40,190	£20,764
CASTLE MORPETH	£18,362	£21,850	£11,262
CASTLE POINT	£32,134	£42,321	£20,164
CHARNWOOD	£45,905	£73,125	£36,960
CHELMSFORD	£46,879	£80,670	£37,042
CHELTENHAM	£34,498	£51,970	£25,369
CHERWELL	£36,446	£71,819	£31,270
CHESTER	£39,228	£53,636	£27,225
CHESTERFIELD	£33,107	£47,531	£22,858
CHESTER-LE-STREET	£17,249	£24,999	£12,101
CHICHESTER	£45,766	£48,489	£24,786
CHILTERN	£29,908	£48,141	£20,540
CHORLEY	£30,743	£50,219	£23,595
CHRISTCHURCH			
CITY OF LONDON	£1,808	£1,778	£1,766
COLCHESTER	£46,879	£79,828	£38,875
CONGLETON	£30,743	£44,181	£21,033
COPELAND	£22,953	£33,185	£15,999
CORBYP	£15,302	£29,293	£12,463
COTSWOLD	£31,299	£38,484	£18,937
COVENTRY	£83,047	£153,880	£69,774
CRAVEN	£21,283	£25,764	£12,623
CRAWLEY			
CREWE & NANTWICH	£36,168	£58,680	£26,350
CROYDON	£80,960	£180,674	£76,674
DACORUM	£39,784	£71,546	£31,489
DARTFORD			
DAVENTRY	£21,562	£41,065	£17,791
DERBYSHIRE DALES	£26,708	£31,668	£15,886
DERWENTSIDE	£28,378	£40,473	£19,673

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DONCASTER	£89,863	£146,614	£66,055
DOVER	£38,115	£52,945	£24,203
DUDLEY	£99,461	£151,640	£69,458
DURHAM	£25,874	£35,388	£20,985
EALING	£63,711	£147,666	£69,714
EASINGTON	£30,186	£47,171	£21,388
EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE	£25,039	£39,815	£18,103
EAST DEVON			
EAST DORSET			
EAST HAMPSHIRE	£35,611	£56,783	£25,048
EAST HERTFORDSHIRE	£35,889	£70,554	£30,165
EAST LINDSEY	£61,068	£58,331	£31,515
EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE			
EAST STAFFORDSHIRE	£32,690	£55,983	£24,504
EASTBOURNE	£38,115	£42,309	£21,602
EASTLEIGH	£34,777	£59,553	£27,067
EDEN	£19,336	£23,192	£11,764
ELLESMERE PORT & NESTON	£26,430	£41,005	£18,618
ELMBRIDGE	£37,559	£67,518	£29,466
ENFIELD	£69,414	£152,985	£64,919
EPPING FOREST	£38,950	£61,191	£27,972
EPSOM & EWELL	£21,283	£34,755	£15,828
EREWASH	£34,220	£54,415	£25,126
EXETER	£32,551	£47,425	£27,215
FAREHAM	£38,393	£51,172	£24,672
FENLAND	£32,551	£42,976	£20,504
FOREST HEATH	£16,554	£31,537	£14,137
FOREST OF DEAN*	£28,795	£38,927	£18,600
FYLDE	£31,160	£31,712	£17,214
GATESHEAD	£60,929	£89,313	£43,338
GEDLING	£36,863	£51,505	£25,427
GLOUCESTER	£31,716	£59,210	£25,749
GOSPORT	£24,344	£38,347	£17,795
GRAVESHAM	£28,934		
GREAT YARMOUTH	£35,472	£43,375	£21,252
GREENWICH	£48,409	£118,494	£50,657
GUILDFORD	£37,002	£60,634	£30,291
HACKNEY	£34,081	£117,805	£47,408
HAMBLETON			
HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM	£31,995	£69,949	£39,003
HARBOROUGH	£25,874	£41,777	£18,507
HARINGEY	£39,367	£111,910	£51,347
HARLOW			
HARROGATE			

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HARROW	£56,199	£108,797	£48,824
HART*	£24,065	£46,907	£20,207
HASTINGS*	£27,682	£43,729	£19,596
HAVANT			
HAVERING	£72,614	£112,546	£51,730
HERTSMERE			
HIGH PEAK	£27,821	£45,664	£20,934
HILLINGDON	£61,763	£131,512	£56,881
HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH	£33,107	£48,354	£23,616
HORSHAM			
HOUNSLOW	£44,792	£109,360	£49,740
HUNTINGDONSHIRE	£45,627	£86,141	£37,905
HYNDBURN	£23,648	£46,438	£18,709
IPSWICH			
ISLES OF SCILLY	£974	£902	£484
ISLINGTON	£31,855	£77,310	£42,206
KENNET	£24,065	£42,190	£17,803
KENSINGTON & CHELSEA	£41,454	£69,487	£40,507
KERRIER	£36,029	£45,122	£22,301
KETTERING	£25,457	£45,156	£19,991
KINGS LYNN & WEST NORFOLK	£57,173	£64,420	£32,369
KINGSTON UPON THAMES	£35,611	£72,305	£35,478
KIRKLEES	£109,199	£213,097	£90,606
KNOWSLEY	£41,315	£81,708	£34,428
LAMBETH	£42,984	£124,345	£61,880
LANCASTER	£44,375	£63,131	£32,546
LEEDS	£200,174	£347,272	£170,714
LEWES	£38,254	£43,591	£21,369
LEWISHAM	£46,740	£129,260	£58,172
LICHFIELD			
LINCOLN	£23,926	£39,805	£19,938
LIVERPOOL	£116,293	£201,996	£99,225
MACCLESFIELD	£52,582	£70,549	£34,274
MAIDSTONE			
MALDON			
MALVERN HILLS	£29,630	£35,396	£16,816
MANCHESTER	£94,036	£213,941	£102,846
MANSFIELD	£31,160	£49,002	£22,723
MELTON	£15,858	£23,678	£11,133
MENDIP	£35,889	£56,273	£24,637
MERTON	£43,123	£92,513	£44,991
MID BEDFORDSHIRE	£34,498	£68,196	£30,078
MID DEVON	£26,291	£36,687	£16,952
MID SUFFOLK	£31,716	£44,757	£20,931

MID SUSSEX			
MOLE VALLEY	£29,351	£40,040	£18,321
NEW FOREST	£72,892	£77,371	£39,515
NEWARK & SHERWOOD	£37,420	£55,059	£25,427
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	£73,866	£119,019	£61,542
NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME	£39,784	£55,499	£28,164
NEWHAM	£37,837	£150,457	£56,518
NORTH CORNWALL	£33,664	£39,135	£19,418
NORTH DEVON	£35,055	£43,235	£20,824
NORTH DORSET	£24,761	£34,184	£15,180
NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE	£35,472	£44,200	£22,222
NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE			
NORTH KESTIVEN			
NORTH NORFOLK	£48,409		
NORTH SHROPSHIRE	£20,866	£28,978	£13,541
NORTH TYNESIDE	£61,902	£91,100	£44,381
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE	£19,753	£29,854	£14,177
NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE	£27,821	£44,631	£20,385
NORTH WILTSHIRE	£37,976	£69,705	£29,662
NORTHAMPTON	£51,191	£100,299	£45,528
NORWICH			
NUNEATON & BEDWORTH	£35,889	£62,460	£27,464
OADBY & WIGSTON	£18,501	£27,541	£12,863
OLDHAM	£59,538	£125,840	£49,963
OSWESTRY	£13,215	£19,719	£9,041
OXFORD	£30,186	£58,036	£33,928
PENDLE	£25,735	£49,062	£20,502
PENWITH	£26,013	£27,965	£14,653
PRESTON	£34,638	£66,418	£30,042
PURBECK	£18,779	£19,837	£10,285
REDBRIDGE	£60,094	£138,619	£57,328
REDDITCH	£20,449	£41,155	£18,085
REIGATE & BANSTEAD			
RESTORMEL	£37,281	£46,897	£23,197
RIBBLE VALLEY	£19,614	£28,577	£13,152
RICHMOND UPON THAMES	£43,401	£88,386	£40,846
RICHMONDSHIRE	£15,163	£24,465	£11,598
ROCHDALE	£55,086	£113,997	£46,995
ROCHFORD			
ROSSENDALE	£18,362	£36,024	£15,178
ROTHER	£43,123	£37,510	£19,925
ROTHERHAM	£76,926	£129,640	£57,632
RUGBY	£28,517	£47,311	£20,529
RUNNYMEDE*	£23,648	£34,365	£18,471

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RUSHCLIFFE	£33,525	£52,214	£24,628
RUSHMOOR	£20,727	£46,385	£20,193
RYEDALE	£20,727	£24,380	£12,047
SALFORD	£61,068	£105,701	£49,611
SALISBURY	£39,784	£55,949	£26,232
SANDWELL	£83,742	£154,303	£65,432
SCARBOROUGH			
SEDFIELD	£28,100	£42,916	£19,951
SEDGEMOOR	£40,202	£53,982	£25,260
SEFTON			
SELBY	£23,787	£40,570	£18,158
SEVENOAKS			
SHEFFIELD			
SHEPWAY	£37,002	£47,306	£22,658
SHREWSBURY & ATCHAM	£32,690	£47,560	£21,824
SOLIHULL	£66,215	£103,961	£46,181
SOUTH BEDFORDSHIRE	£32,273	£61,038	£26,622
SOUTH BUCKS*	£21,005	£32,459	£14,506
SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE*	£39,924	£69,632	£30,817
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE	£24,900	£47,384	£20,429
SOUTH HAMS	£32,968	£37,253	£18,932
SOUTH HOLLAND	£33,107	£37,207	£18,680
SOUTH KESTEVEN	£42,984	£64,509	£29,597
SOUTH LAKELAND	£42,845	£45,744	£23,840
SOUTH NORFOLK	£43,958	£54,996	£26,431
SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE			
SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE			
SOUTH RIBBLE	£33,386	£51,537	£24,203
SOUTH SHROPSHIRE	£18,501	£18,763	£9,628
SOUTH SOMERSET	£58,425		
SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE	£37,420	£48,542	£24,157
SOUTH TYNESIDE	£48,270	£71,587	£34,363
SOUTHWARK	£45,905	£124,773	£61,251
SPELTHORNE	£28,517	£43,235	£20,585
ST ALBANS	£36,029	£71,976	£29,885
ST EDMUNDSBURY	£33,664	£49,048	£23,185
ST HELENS	£54,669	£89,303	£40,410
STAFFORD	£42,149	£55,126	£28,072
STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS	£34,498	£42,884	£21,690
STEVENAGE	£20,727	£42,734	£18,046
STOCKPORT	£88,472	£138,561	£63,853
STRATFORD-ON-AVON	£42,845	£54,459	£26,412
STROUD	£37,281	£55,151	£25,090
SUFFOLK COASTAL	£47,574	£58,230	£27,794

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SUNDERLAND	£83,325	£133,365	£63,847
SURREY HEATH			
SUTTON	£47,296	£94,932	£41,967
SWALE	£38,393	£67,947	£29,246
TAMESIDE	£60,929	£110,284	£48,786
TAMWORTH*	£18,779	£40,274	£17,162
TANDRIDGE	£26,152	£42,805	£18,502
TAUNTON DEANE	£37,420	£52,766	£24,440
TEESDALE	£9,320	£10,890	£5,649
TEIGNBRIDGE	£50,496	£56,750	£28,563
TENDRING	£67,188	£62,666	£32,906
TEST VALLEY	£34,916	£58,687	£25,857
TEWKESBURY	£27,682	£37,510	£17,919
THANET	£48,966	£64,458	£29,273
THREE RIVERS	£25,735	£44,466	£19,454
TONBRIDGE & MALLING			
TORRIDGE	£25,874	£29,305	£14,602
TOWER HAMLETS	£30,464	£112,628	£48,422
TRAFFORD			
TUNBRIDGE WELLS			
TYNEDALE	£21,283	£27,358	£13,539
UTTLESFORD	£21,979	£37,725	£16,239
VALE OF WHITE HORSE			
VALE ROYAL	£39,228	£63,716	£28,669
WAKEFIELD	£95,566	£158,771	£73,077
WALSALL	£79,430	£137,978	£57,918
WALTHAM FOREST	£45,071	£119,549	£50,457
WANDSWORTH	£49,105	£108,864	£63,473
WANSBECK	£20,170	£28,790	£14,029
WARWICK	£40,202	£59,212	£30,248
WATFORD			
WAVENEY	£46,740	£54,282	£26,567
WAVERLEY	£38,950	£62,168	£26,568
WEALDEN	£57,173	£69,862	£32,696
WEAR VALLEY	£20,727	£30,132	£14,187
WELLINGBOROUGH	£21,979	£38,966	£17,176
WELWYN HATFIELD	£29,769	£51,012	£24,009
WEST DEVON	£20,031	£23,787	£11,647
WEST DORSET*	£43,401	£44,319	£21,893
WEST LANCASHIRE	£35,750	£54,611	£24,977
WEST LINDSEY	£31,021	£41,929	£19,675
WEST OXFORDSHIRE	£31,577	£50,997	£22,802
WEST SOMERSET			
WEST WILTSHIRE	£41,593	£63,072	£28,404

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WESTMINSTER	£47,853	£76,335	£52,761
WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND			
WIGAN	£90,558	£152,421	£69,513
WINCHESTER	£35,611	£54,899	£25,020
WIRRAL	£104,886	£156,405	£70,814
WOKING	£24,761	£46,010	£20,627
WOLVERHAMPTON	£71,918	£120,773	£53,840
WORCESTER	£25,735	£46,368	£21,255
WORTHING			
WYCHAVON	£41,454	£54,887	£26,472
WYCOMBE	£45,349	£86,495	£36,709
WYRE	£44,653	£49,406	£25,114
WYRE FOREST	£34,916	£44,674	£22,350

\* Local authorities we have identified as not owning their own pools but now eligible for prospective funding as set out above and in line with paragraphs 7-9 above.

## FREE SWIMMING PROGRAMME

### **Pot 2: Free swimming for those aged 16 or under**

1. Pot 2 is only available to those local authorities who choose the minimum offer of providing free swimming for those aged 60 or over and wish to provide an additional offer for those aged 16 or under. For these authorities we will make available an additional £25m revenue funding over two years to support free swimming for those aged 16 or under.
2. As for those aged 60 or over, we have made the qualifying criteria for the scheme correspondingly simple. Free swimming for those aged 16 or under means that people in that age group who wish to swim out of normal school hours throughout the year, when they would normally be admitted to the pool for public swimming, and in accordance with local programming should not be charged for doing so.
3. We have therefore written to eligible Chief Executives to ask them to submit an expression of interest, no later than 15 September 2008, if their authority has the ambition to provide free swimming for under 16s. For these authorities, Government will then provide details of their prospective allocation by 30 September. Authorities will then be invited to confirm, by 15 October 2008, whether they wish to participate in this element of the offer. Their share of the fund will then be allocated and distributed through a section 31 ring-fenced grant.
4. Government hopes that local authorities will work creatively with local partners, including Primary Care Trusts, to access funds from other sources (such as Working Neighbourhoods Fund, Extending Activities, the Big Lottery Fund) as well as with commercial and third sectors, to maximise the impact across shared agendas.
5. Those authorities who already make available a free swimming offer that would otherwise have qualified for funding may use their allocation on initiatives additional to their existing offer and designed either i) further to increase and sustain participation for those aged 16 or under (e.g. structured sessions or classes) and/or ii) to extend their existing programmes to wider groups of the population and move further towards a universal free swimming offer.

### **Pot 3: Modernising pool provision – capital reward fund**

6. In addition, Government is providing a total of £60 million capital for capital projects designed to modernise pool provision, which are integrated with providing free swimming as outlined above.
7. £10 million will be available in financial year 2008/09 to reward those authorities which sign up to both schemes as outlined above. Those authorities who confirm participation in both schemes as outlined above will receive a pro rata population-based share of the £10 million capital in financial year 2008/09. These funds can be used as project development costs for bids for financial year 2009/10 and financial year 2010/11. They cannot however be used for partnership funding for bids from financial year 2009/10 onwards.