

Culture and Leisure
Sub-Committee

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Sport and Leisure

Overview of service and our Covid Journey

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What is Sport and Leisure ?

- Tynemouth Pool
- Waves Leisure Pool
- Lakeside Centre
- The Parks Leisure Centre
- Hadrian Leisure Centre
- Shiremoor Adventure Playground
- Outdoor Sports Facilities inc. pitches and pavilions,
- Whitley Bay Mini Golf, Tennis courts and Churchill track
- Active North Tyneside
- Sports Development
- Facility Development



Facts and Figures(normal year)

- £5.2m in income generated by Leisure Centres
- Overall income £6.96m
- Expenditure £ 8.4m
- Net budget £1.44m
- Turnover £15.36m
- 277 posts – 131 FTE equivalent
- c1.5million visits to Leisure Centres
- c250,000 visits elsewhere



Covid 19 Timeline

March-June 2020

23rd March 2020 - National Lockdown 1

- All office-based staff encouraged to work from home
- Staff redeployed to essential services including:
 - Food bank
 - Local Support Service
 - Bereavement Services
 - Environment
 - Call centre
 - VODA
- All buildings closed including Leisure Centres and outdoor sports facilities
- Major Projects continue at Churchill Track and Burradon Welfare



Covid -19 Timeline

June – August 2020

June

- Majority of staff redeployed back into substantive roles
- A number of staff continue in redeployed roles including beach warden, Covid marshalls and contact tracing in addition to those previously listed
- Test and Trace protocol in place at facilities
- Parks Sports Centre started hosting diabetic eye screening clinics in July
- Parks Sports Centre started hosting blood donor clinics in September
- Mobile COVID-19 Testing Unit deployed at Parks Sport Centres

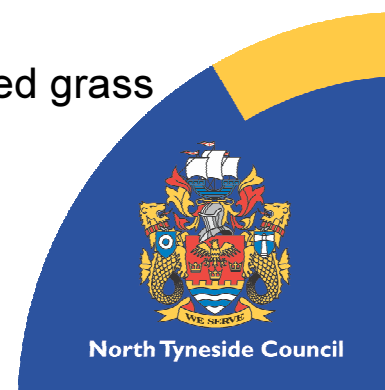
July

4th July 2020 – National Lockdown eased

- Re-opening of outdoor sports facilities (Whitley Bay Mini Golf, Churchill Community Track, Tennis Courts and Cricket pitches) with restricted capacity, booking systems implemented and NGB guidance adhered to.
- On-line summer of Cycling campaign launched
- **27th July** Leisure Centres reopened – Reduced capacity/booking system

August

- Safe return to Football and outdoor organised sports – all NTC managed grass pitches re-opened. Changing and shower areas remained closed.



Covid -19 Timeline

September – October 2020

September

18th September 2020 – LA7 Local Restrictions

- Launch of workplace health campaign, 'Look after your self this winter', live Facebook exercise classes available for staff and learning pool resources to support good sleep, nutrition and manage stress
- Virtual 10-week weight management programmes delivered via Teams for adults and children / families
- Bikeability training re-started in schools
- No changes to Leisure Centres

October National tier system introduced

14th October 2020 - Tier 2 Restrictions

No impact on services



Covid -19 Timeline

November 2020 – January 2021

5th November – National lockdown 2

- Full closure of indoor and outdoor sport and leisure services
- 142 frontline staff now redeployed
- Virtual 10 week programmes delivered for adult and child weight management (Active North Tyneside)

2nd December – Tier 3 restrictions

- Parks Sports Centre started hosting Vaccine clinics in December
- Outdoor group activities resumed, tennis courts, Churchill athletics track and Shiremoor adventure playground were all re-opened
- Grassroots outdoor team sports resumed, Football sites were re-opened in line with FA guidelines at our outdoor grass pitches.
- Leisure Centres gym and swim only

31th December – Tier 4 restrictions

- All outdoor sport facilities remained open with the exception of Football pavilions (Football suspended)
- All indoor Leisure Centres closed again

5th January – National Lockdown 3

- Outdoor facilities remained open except for Football
- All indoor Leisure Centres remain closed



Covid -19 Timeline

Following the Roadmap

March – May 2021

8th and 29th March - Roadmap Step 1 Lockdown Easing

- Re-opening of all outdoor sport and leisure facilities
- No spectators allowed

12th April – Roadmap Step 2 Lockdown Easing

- Indoor leisure sites re-open with restrictions/bookings in place Gym and pool only.

17th May – Roadmap Step 3 Lockdown Easing

- Indoor adult group sports and exercise classes restart with restrictions in place



Covid -19 Timeline

Following the Roadmap

July to present

19th July - Step 4 Roadmap Lockdown Easing

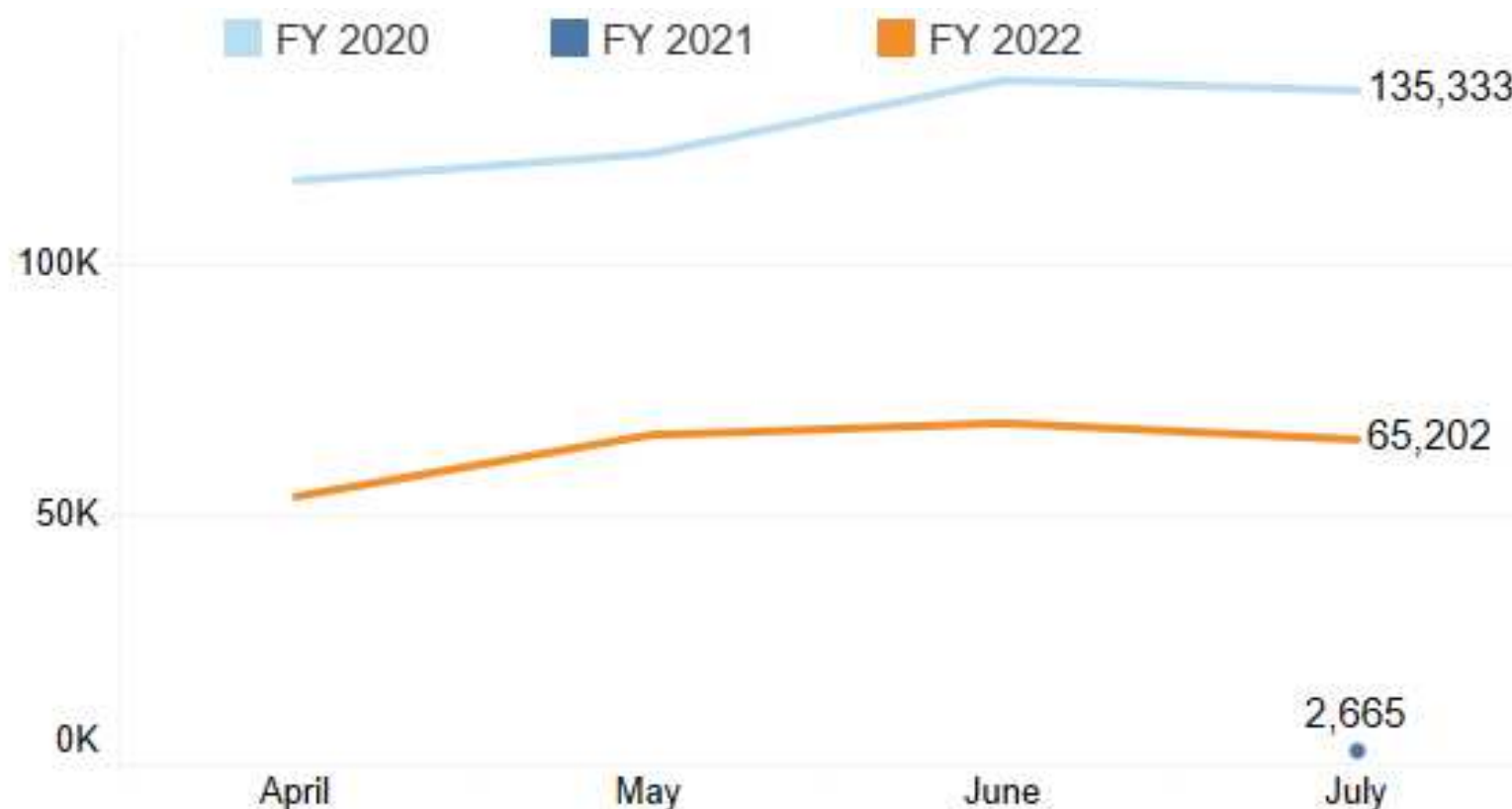
Easing back to “normal”

- New adapted cycling programme has been developed – one of only handful in the region
- New maternal obesity project started, Active Mams
- Wellbeing walks and beginners running groups relaunched
- Weight management programmes restarted
- 600 starter physical activity packs – a canvas bag which includes low level physical activity equipment and an information leaflet have been supplied free of charge from Rise (previously Tyne and Wear Sport).
- Bikeability back in schools and local community
- Face to Face summer of cycling campaign delivered
- Parks Sports Centre hosted a Covid secure triple election count
- Maximum capacities removed at outdoor sport and leisure sites and changing rooms re-opened.
- Leisure Centres reopened but still with booking systems to restrict numbers
- From 31st August booking for swimming and soft play removed
- From 6th September booking for the gym lifted and health suites reopen

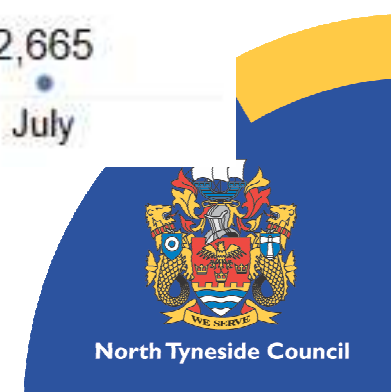


Leisure centre visits 3-year comparison

There have been 254k visits to Leisure Centres between April-July 2021, which is 50% lower than the same period in 2019.

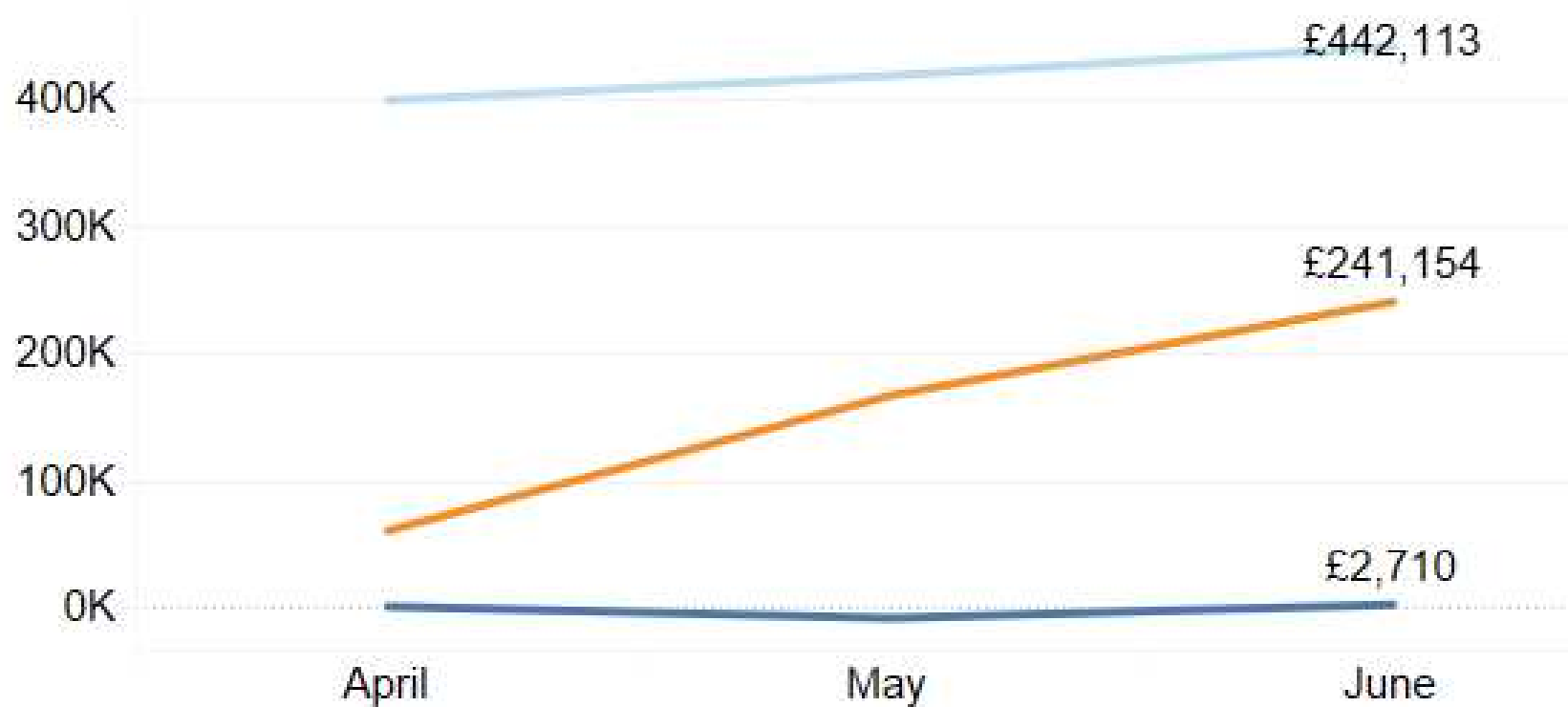


*Leisure facilities closed April-most of July 2020



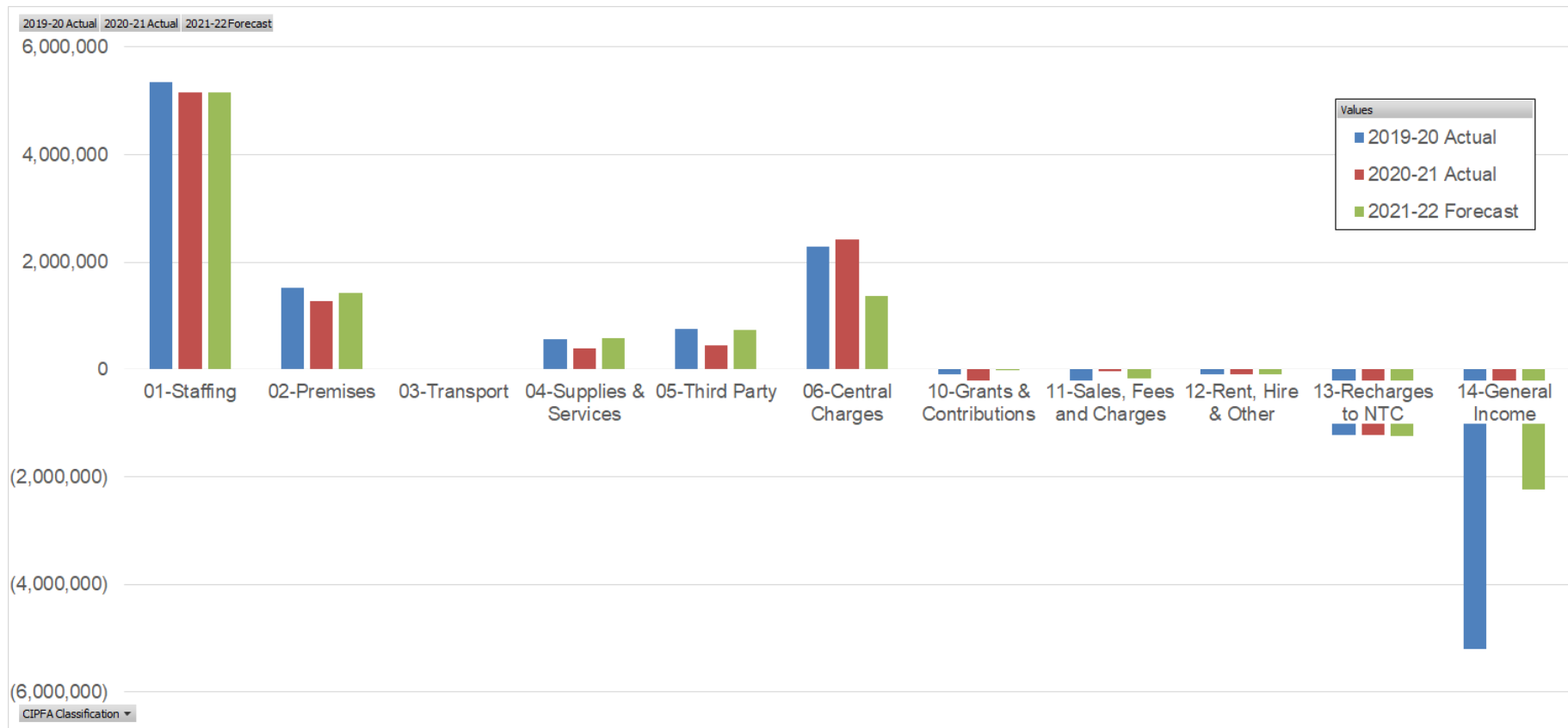
Income Graph

£470k in income has been generated April-June 2021, which represents a third of income of during the same period in 2019



North Tyneside Council

Spend & Income 3-Year Trend



North Tyneside Council

Sport and Leisure in the Council Plan

A Thriving North Tyneside

- We will keep our libraries and leisure centres open as part of a vibrant cultural and leisure offering;

A Family-Friendly North Tyneside

- We will provide outstanding children's services, events and facilities so North Tyneside is a great place for family life

A Green North Tyneside

- We will increase opportunities for safe walking and cycling, including providing a segregated cycleway at the coast



Recovery Priorities

- Building back the business
- Support to Public Health – Active North Tyneside



Questions?

