

Why a new Leisure Centre

- Population of 92,000
- 3 old Centres 37-46 years
- Requirement to provide high class indoor leisure
- Civic, Educational and Health benefits
- Accessibility, cost effective and sustainable
- Political support / RPA







The Financial Perspective

- Capital cost of £25m
- Existing sites becoming increasingly expensive to maintain

- Operational saving of £1m per year
 - Increased income
 - Reduced operational cost







The Non-Financial Perspective

- Fits with ambitious Corporate Plan
- Opportunities to increase participation & promote accessibility
- Clear evidence of need
- Opportunities to link with health & education
- Stimulus to regeneration









Why invest in the South Lake?

- Improves the image of Craigavon as a good place to work/live/visit
- Tourism, environment, leisure and recreation focus- South Lake a key driver and catalyst for further regeneration
- Compliment private sector plans
- Ideally placed to serve a large catchment population
- Stem spend leaking out of local economy
- Evidence of significant public investment







Next Steps

- Appoint a Design Team for the Project
- Finalise the Design Brief for the Centre
- Involve users at detailed design stage
- New facility to be open by end of 2015.
- Development opportunity for 3 town centre locations



