Functional Skills English | Level 2
Report Learner Response and Examiner Comments

Information

Your council wants your views about the leisure facilities for young people in your area.

The council also wants ideas for improvements to what is already available and has some money to spend on new facilities.

Please write a report for the council. Your report should include sections on:
1. current facilities and how they can be improved
2. new facilities that would be popular
3. why these ideas would improve young people’s lives.

Writing Task

Write a report for the council about young people’s leisure facilities.

In your report, you should:
• describe what facilities are available and how they could be improved
• give your ideas for new facilities
• explain why these facilities would improve young people’s lives.

You should aim to write about 250 to 300 words.

(21 marks)
REPORT FOR THE LEISURE FACILITIES

Bicester Council asked me to write a report about the leisure facilities for young people in my area. Here are some ideas for improvements that, in my opinion, will make the leisure facilities for young people the best in our area.

As a start, I will list all the problems that the current facilities are showing. I will give some ideas on how to improve the facilities that are already present in the leisure centre.

PROBLEMS

Some of the first of all, the facilities that are present in the leisure are quite old. Although they fixed them recently, they have to be replaced. For example, the showers in one of the rooms where courses such as zumba or latino take place. The stereo is not perfectly working. You cannot really listen to the music.

The bicycles in the main training room do not work, and the one in the room where spinning classes are taking place are not enough to cover all the people that the room can fit for a class.

Thirdly, the changing rooms are quite small and not well organized. Four to five people have been asking said that if you want to take a shower after the training...
you cannot, because you have to wait a long queue.

I would suggest to order a new modern TV which includes the smart applications, buy new bicycles for spinning and normal ones for the main training room, and make a bigger the changing rooms.

SOLUTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

I have asked to the people that are going to the leisure about what they would like to have. After their answers, I understood that they would like some different facilities such as an escalator machine, one room for the guys to practice boxing and all the equipments that this requires, and more lockers where to put their belongings.

In conclusion,

I strongly believe that these ideas if will be taken in consideration will improve young people's lives. After the lockdown, young people want to go again to the gyms where they can relax and enjoy the time spent.

Therefore, I think this won't be impossible even because the council will provide some money to cover the expenses of the improvements and the new facilities.
BORDERLINE PASS

Composition
The learner’s report to the council on leisure facilities communicates information, ideas and opinions reasonably clearly. ‘Leisure facilities’ has been interpreted narrowly and headings other than those suggested have been used. This is acceptable, though the safer option, to ensure direct relevance and reduce thinking time, would be to follow the task instructions more closely. However, the piece is appropriate to purpose and audience and so a mid-band Composition mark (5-8 for the longer Task 1) can be awarded.

Consideration is then given to the other three bullet points to determine whether the piece merits 5, 6, 7 or 8 marks. How well does the learner handle format, structure, cohesion and paragraphing, as well as register, sentence and vocabulary range?

The piece is presented in a generally appropriate format, with sub-headings used. It is structured with a clear beginning, middle and end. There is a range of vocabulary and sentences, with sections/paragraphs used. Its register is appropriate. A mark at the top of the middle band is therefore awarded.

Mark: 8

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar
Spelling, punctuation and grammar are generally correct and a mid-band mark is merited.

Mark: 5