

FAO: Leisure operator / manager

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Dear Colleague,

Managing the energy used in your service plays a vital role in contributing towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions whilst helping to reduce your costs. We estimate that collectively Shropshire leisure centres are responsible for around 3,000 tCO₂e and £1m a year in utility costs.

Wholesale energy prices have risen significantly over the last 6 months and unfortunately, it is likely that everyone will feel the effects of the current situation at some point over the coming 12 months. These costs will likely rise by up to 40% by 2030 without intervention.

To help you keep consumption levels down, we would like to bring to your attention the efficiency checklist and guidance documents (attached). We recommend that site managers, maintenance staff, take the following steps where possible:-

- Utilities monitoring via an online portal (from your utilities provider):-
- Being proactive with monitoring will help reduce energy consumption and spend.
- Switch off heating where buildings or “zones” aren’t occupied.
- Heating controls and thermostats should match the usage/occupancy times.
- Check hot water systems and immersion tanks/timers are set correctly.
- Familiarise yourselves with the heating controls to avoid expensive callouts.
- Make sure thermostats are set correctly (18°C is adequate in the workplace).
- Avoid external windows and doors being open where possible whilst the heating on.
- Shut down ICT systems and lighting after use and outside of operating hours.
- Ensure heating, lighting, and ICT systems are shutdown on non-operational days.

If you are not already with WME, we would recommend you consider switching. Our local utilities provider demonstrates proven long-term value for money for the public sector and enables us to track your carbon footprint, along with several other benefits.

For more information on the benefits of contracting with WME, you can contact them at: customerservices@westmerciaenergy.co.uk

Switching to WME will also help us to offer you improved efficiency advice, funding, and delivery options for retrofits where necessary based on the energy data collected.

Leisure Service Workshops

We would like to arrange workshops and training (in person and online) for leisure services. To provide efficiency support and help you on your journey to net zero. Plus retrofit funding and delivery options for your leisure centre.

If this is something you'd be interested in, then please let us know.

In the meantime please take a look at our [Climate Action website](#) :-

- Leisure [sector guidance](#)
- [Energy](#) and [Water efficiency](#)
- [Energy efficiency checklist](#)
- [WME Use Cleaner Use Less](#)
- [Recycling](#) uk.ecoteam@veolia.com

The measures above will help you save money and collectively our efforts will help Shropshire meet its 2030 net zero target, sustain a healthy economy, people and the environment.

Please get in touch if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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