QUESTION BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

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Question to be submitted no later than 5 clear working days before the meeting.

Question submitted by: James Knight

To the Cabinet Member or Chair for: Cllr Taylor

To be asked at the next (Council, Cabinet or Planning Committee) Meeting: Cabinet

Date: 09/03/2026

Question (to be no longer than 50 words):

Plymouth Active Leisure is the custodian of the Life Centre. Poor cleaning and maintenance of poolside equipment is letting it rust (rails, chairs, dive boards). What assurances will PCC be asking PAL, to ensure appropriate preservation of infrastructure and equipment, so it does not fall into disrepair and require replacing?

Response: (for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members / Chairs)

The rust issues are linked to the air handling unit (AHU) system, which was switched off during Covid while rectification works were carried out on the building. Since being restarted, the AHU has experienced multiple problems. These units are essential for airflow, humidity control, and moisture management in the pool hall.

The Council has commissioned a further technical assessment, expected by the end of March, to assess the system and identify any works that may be required. Restoring full AHU functionality remains a priority.

PAL have stated that while cleaning could be improved, the rusting is not caused by poor cleaning alone. Once the AHU system is fully operational, industrial cleaning of the metalwork will be completed, and replacement steel will be considered where needed.

Given the complexities of the system a further update will be provided to customers in six months.