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Essential improvements will leave just one open

POOL TO CLOSE FOR REPAIR WORK

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A CITY swimming pool is set to close for a month so that maintenance work can be carried out, the Herald can reveal.

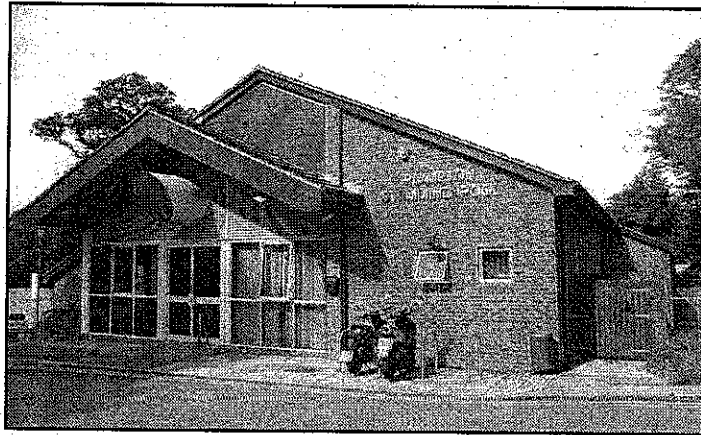
Leisure chiefs at the city council have confirmed that Plympton Pool will be shut for 'essential maintenance and improvements'.

Provisional dates for the closure are from December 10 to January 15, but the exact period will not be finalised until a tendering process has been completed.

Some £40,000 has been set aside for the work, which will involve upgrading the changing rooms' drainage.

The closure will leave Central Park as the only council-run indoor swimming pool open to the public.

A council spokesman said: "Plympton Pool is scheduled for



MAINTENANCE: Plympton Pool, which is to close over Christmas

essential maintenance and improvements including upgrading of the changing rooms' drainage. Plymouth City Council is spending

around £40,000 on this community facility.

"To minimise disruption to the service we have chosen the quietest time of the year to carry out this

work, which cannot be done when the public are using the premises.

"Provisional dates for the pool closure are December 10 to January 15, including the normal Christmas and New Year holiday closure periods.

"We will advise the public of the confirmed closure date period when the tendering process is complete.

"We hope our regular swimmers at Plympton will understand that this work is essential."

Council chiefs are working on an eagerly-awaited masterplan which will set out proposals for swimming pools in Plymouth.

The strategy is expected to include the council's planned replacement for Seaton Pool, which closed in April.

Council leader Tudor Evans told the Herald in September that the strategy would not be published until 'important stakeholders' had read it and given their views.