

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

Date: 25 February 2020

Report of: Director of Leisure and Community

Subject: FAREHAM LEISURE CENTRE PLANNING APPLICATION

SUMMARY

The Executive agreed on the 4 November 2019 to award a 10-year contract for the management of Fareham and Holly Hill Leisure Centres to SLM, otherwise known as Everyone Active. It also agreed to the capital investment required, in particular at Fareham Leisure Centre to help deliver an improved revenue.

The development of the design for Fareham Leisure Centre has progressed and Everyone Active are now able to submit a planning application.

No planning application is required for the internal changes intended at Holly Hill Leisure Centre.

The Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel are requested to comment on the external designs as set out in the supporting presentation for Members. The comments of the Panel will be tabled when the 'Fareham Leisure Centre Planning Application Designs' report is presented to the Executive on 02 March.

The Executive will be asked to approve the external designs for submission as part of a planning application at the 02 March Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Panel consider the contents of the report and the external designs set out in the presentation and pass any comments to the Executive on the 02 March 2020.

INTRODUCTION

1. This briefing paper provides an update on the 'Fareham Leisure Centre Planning Application Design' that will be presented to the Executive on Monday 02 March.

PROJECT UPDATE AND DESIGNS

2. In 2018 the Council commenced a procurement process to appoint an operator for the new leisure centre contract to commence from 01 October 2020. The Council's requirements were;
 - Investment in both leisure centres to deliver improved revenue, but particularly Fareham Leisure Centre as it is now 40 years old.
 - Operation of both centres in accordance with the Council's specifications which sought to deliver an improved quality of service;
 - Financial proposals which deliver enhanced revenue positions in comparison to the current contract fee.
3. At the 04 November Executive, it was agreed that a 10-year contract for the management of Fareham and Holly Hill Leisure Centres be awarded to Everyone Active who had presented a good tender submission and met the Council's requirements, including how they would invest in the facilities.
4. Everyone Active's bid included several investment opportunities which have been summarised below;

Fareham Leisure Centre

- Extended gym area on the ground floor to extend the building and create elevations to the road side with windows;
- Creation of an internal splash pad to add to the swimming pool offer;
- New reception counter and refurbishment of the foyer area;
- Creation of a new studio space and climbing area on the lower ground floor;
- Conversion of the squash courts to a soft play area;
- Refurbishment of dry changing rooms and café area;
- Additional parking.

Holly Hill Leisure Centre

- Conversion of large pool store into a sauna and steam room;
- Improvements to main foyer layout.

5. The development of the design for Fareham Leisure Centre's extension, the most extensive part of the project, has progressed well and Everyone Active are now able to submit a planning application.
6. A report regarding the planning application designs will be presented to the Executive on 02 March and will provide members with;
 - Update on the project
 - Designs of the extension for the submission to planning;
 - Next steps and timescales

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7. At the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting, Members will receive a presentation providing an overview of the designs developed by Everyone Active.
8. Members will be asked to comment on the content of the presentation and the designs. These comments will form part of the report presented to the Executive meeting on 02 March 2020.

CONCLUSION

9. Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel Members have the opportunity to comment on the external designs of Fareham Leisure Centre, which if approved by the Executive, will be submitted as part of a planning application.
10. Members comments will be tabled when the 'Fareham Leisure Centre Planning Application Designs' report is presented to the 02 March Executive.

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