

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### **Report to Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel**

**Date:** 06 October 2020

**Report of:** Director of Leisure and Community

**Subject:** Leisure Centre Refurbishment Update

#### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on how plans for the refurbishment of Fareham and Holly Hill Leisure Centres are progressing.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Panel consider the contents of the report and the internal designs set out in the presentation.

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide members with an update regarding the progression of the plans for the refurbishment of Fareham and Holly Hill Leisure Centres.

## **BACKGROUND**

2. At the November meeting of the Executive, it was agreed that a 10-year contract for the management of Fareham and Holly Hill Leisure Centres be awarded to Everyone Active. They presented the winning tender submission and best met the Council's requirements, including how they would invest in the facilities, particularly at Fareham Leisure Centre, to help deliver improved revenue.
3. Everyone Active's bid included several investment opportunities which have been summarised below;

### **Fareham Leisure Centre**

- A 617m<sup>2</sup> extension to the gym area on the ground floor to extend the building and to create elevations to the roadside 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 for 32 vehicles.

### **Holly Hill Leisure Centre**

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

## **DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

4. Everyone Active has operated the Fareham contract for the last 15 years. The company has previously helped the Council to deliver several redevelopment projects at Fareham Leisure Centre and supported the construction and launch of Holly Hill Leisure Centre in 2016.
5. Since being awarded the new contract, which will commence on 1 October 2020, Everyone Active has worked closely with Council Officers to develop a refurbishment project at Fareham Leisure Centre that will expand and modernise the range of leisure and health experiences provided in Fareham, increase participation for all and compete with the increasing market for leisure services in this area.

6. The refurbishment and extension element of the project at Fareham Leisure Centre is being developed and designed by Paragon Building and Project Consultancy, GT3 Architects and Vincent Stokes Construction.
7. Since awarding the contract to Everyone Active, significant progress with the refurbishment project has been made, and in June 2020, Everyone Active was granted planning permission for the external improvements to Fareham Leisure Centre.
8. The implications of Covid-19 have meant that the project team have revised the refurbishment timetable and it is proposing to commence works at Fareham Leisure Centre in November 2020.
9. The refurbishment will take approx. 12 to 14 months to complete, with enhancements and improvements to Holly Hill Leisure Centre being carried out towards the end of the project.
10. Both Leisure Centres will remain open to the public whilst refurbishment works are being undertaken and will be delivered over four phases to help keep disruption for members to a minimum.
  - Phase 1:** Construction of the extension, additional toilets, a lower ground floor cafe and the connection of additional power supply to the building internally;
  - Phase 2:** Dry changing rooms are refurbished
  - Phase 3:** Splash pad, reception, café and external entrance canopy works
  - Phase 4:** Studio and existing gym refurbished and car park extension
11. The conversion of the large pool store into a sauna and stream room at Holly Hill, along with enhancements to the main foyer will be carried out during phase 4 of the project.
12. At the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting, Members will receive a presentation providing an overview of the internal designs for Fareham Leisure Centre.

## **CONCLUSION**

13. Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel Members have the opportunity to comment on the internal designs for Fareham Leisure Centre.
14. A further report will be presented to members detailing the enhancements to Holly Hill Leisure Centre in the future.
15. If safe to do so, there will be an opportunity for members to visit both Fareham and Holly Hill Leisure Centres, with officers, to further understand the extent of the internal works that will include a new splash pad, studio area, climbing wall and soft play area at Fareham Leisure Centre and a new sauna and steam area at Holly Hill Leisure Centre.

**Background Papers:**

Leisure Centre Operator Award of Contract Report (Confidential report) – 4 November 2019 Executive

External designs for Fareham Leisure Centre – 2 March 2020 Executive

**Enquiries:**

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