

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LEISURE and ARTS ADVISORY BOARD

17 March 2008

**Report of the Chief Leisure Officer and the
Cabinet Members for Leisure, Youth and Arts and Finance**

Part 1- Public

**Matters for Recommendation to Cabinet - Non-Key Decision (Decision may be taken
by the Cabinet Members)**

1 CAPITAL PROJECTS – POST IMPLEMENTATION REVIEWS

Summary

Capital Plan Post Implementation Reviews (PIRs) are brought forward for consideration in respect of Leisure Facilities – Disability Discrimination Act Audit Recommendations – Phase 1; Poulton Wood Car Park Improvements; Tonbridge Sportsground Improvements and Drainage/Flooding Works at Quincewood Gardens.

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Management Team reported to the meeting of the Finance and Property Advisory Board on 5 October 2005 outlining why PIRs needed to be carried out and recommending a proposed monitoring system. A template was agreed as to how the PIRs should be presented and it was agreed that these should be submitted to the appropriate Board in accordance with the Capital strategy.

1.1.2 This report is the latest in a series of PIRs which have been submitted to this Board.

1.2 Leisure Facilities – DDA Audit Recommendations – Phase 1

1.2.1 The Board will be pleased to note that significant progress has been made in delivering greater accessibility to a range of customers attending the indoor leisure facilities. Hearing loops, enhancements for the visually impaired and access lifts/hoist are among the many improvements. Attached at **[Annex 1]** is the relevant PIR template for this Capital scheme.

1.3 Poulton Wood Car Park Improvements

1.3.1 Attached at **[Annex 2]** is the relevant PIR template for this Capital scheme. Members will be pleased to note that the project was completed within budget and in accordance with the agreed timescale. The additional car parking spaces were

required to meet demand generated by the new driving range, particularly at peak times in the summer months.

1.4 Tonbridge Sportsground Improvements

1.4.1 I am pleased to advise Members that the improvement works were completed in December 2006 and have subsequently provided enhanced facilities for visitors to the Sportsground. These improvements will assist in raising quality standards at the site and assist in its preparation for a Green Flag Award application. It is envisaged that these works are only the first stage of improvements at the site, and additional external funding (developer contributions) is currently being sought to enhance the Sportsground further. Attached at **[Annex 3]** is the relevant PIR template for this Capital scheme.

1.5 Drainage/Flooding Works – Quincewood Gardens

1.5.1 I am pleased to inform Members that the additional drainage works at Quincewood Gardens public open space to assist in alleviating flooding problems to properties in Elmshurst Road were completed in May 2007. The works were completed on budget and subsequent periodic monitoring has confirmed that, under normal operating capacity, the system is working effectively. I can advise Members that following an exceptionally wet summer and winter no reports have been received of flooding to properties in Elmshurst Road. Attached at **[Annex 4]** is the relevant PIR template for this Capital scheme.

1.6 Legal Implications

1.6.1 Considered within the evaluation template for each scheme.

1.7 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.7.1 As shown in accompanying annexes.

1.8 Risk Assessment

1.8.1 All risks identified within the evaluation procedure and any difficulties highlighted through the attached PIRs.

1.9 Policy Considerations

1.9.1 Asset Management, Equalities/Diversity

1.10 Recommendations

1.10.1 The PIRs intend to answer the question “Did we achieve what we set out to do and if not what should be done?” The above PIRs indicate generally successful implementation of the projects and it is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that the Post Implementation Reviews for the schemes outlined above be endorsed.

The Chief Leisure Officer confirms that the proposals contained in the recommendation(s), if approved, will fall within the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

Background papers:

Nil

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