

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LEISURE and ARTS ADVISORY BOARD

12 January 2009

Report of the Chief Leisure Officer

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 CAPITAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

Summary

This report advises Members of progress with schemes contained in the Leisure Services section of the Capital Plan.

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 There are a number of Leisure schemes included in the Council's Capital Plan, and it is important that progress is kept under regular review. The update attached at **[Annex 1]** is based upon the original budget for 2008/09, (the revised budget for 2008/09 and the estimate for 2009/10 were presented to the Finance and Property Advisory Board on the 7 January 2009). Members will note that a significant number of schemes are now completed, and external funding has been secured for a number of projects.

1.1.2 Since the last meeting of this Board, I am pleased to report that the refurbishment of the all-weather pitch at Tonbridge Farm and the new sewerage system at Haysden Country Park have been completed. I am also pleased to report that the Council has completed the purchase of Quarry Hill Wood, and improvements to the site will now be progressed.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 None.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 A number of schemes within the Capital Plan represent significant levels of investment. The Council's Financial Procedure and Contract Procedure Rules are adhered to in all cases, and projects are delivered and monitored in close liaison with the Director of Finance and the Central Services Director.

1.4 Risk Assessment

- 1.4.1 The delivery of projects within the Capital Plan is identified in relevant Operational Risk Registers within the Service. A number of existing controls are in place to help deliver projects in accordance with the design brief, on timescale and within budget. These controls include the preparation of design briefs, use of consultant teams where applicable, compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules, an Officer Study Team approach, and regular reports to Management Team and Members.

1.5 Policy Considerations

- 1.5.1 Healthy Lifestyles, Asset Management, Young People, Procurement, Community, Crime & Disorder Reduction.

Background papers:

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Nil

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