

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LEISURE and ARTS ADVISORY BOARD

16 March 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. An update is attached at **[Annex 1]**. 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 Clubhouse and the replacement of the irrigation system at Poulton Wood Golf Centre have been completed. Good progress has been made with regard to the implementation of energy saving measures at Larkfield Leisure Centre and Tonbridge Swimming Pool, following an independent audit by the Carbon Trust. The potential of further energy saving measures, including the use of solar panels, is currently being investigated.
- 1.1.3 Members will be aware that a report was submitted to the recent meeting of the Finance and Property Advisory Board on 4 March 2009 regarding the creation of a new capital plan provision for works to Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground. The works will be funded in full from a developer contribution, and a contractor is currently being appointed.

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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