

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LEISURE and ARTS ADVISORY BOARD

17 September 2012

Report of the Chief Leisure Officer

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 CAPITAL PLAN SCHEMES

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 reflecting the current List A position is attached at **[Annex 1]**.

1.2 Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground Improvements

1.2.1 At the last meeting of this Board Members were advised of a number of requests from young people, the Police and local Members to floodlight the teenage facilities at the Sportsground, extending usage in the winter months. Lighting of this area was identified in the Masterplan for the site agreed by this Board at its meeting in May 2010. I am pleased to advise that since the last meeting of this Board funding for the scheme has been secured from external sources, the project has been approved by Council and planning approval is currently being sought.

1.3 Legal Implications

1.3.1 None.

1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.4.1 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. Post Implementation Reviews are undertaken on all completed schemes. A number of the schemes are funded by financial contributions from developers.

1.5 Risk Assessment

1.5.1 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.

1.6 Equality Impact Assessment

1.6.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report.

1.7 Policy Considerations

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

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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