

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES ADVISORY BOARD

16 September 2015

Report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure & Technical Services

Part 1- Public

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

1 CAPITAL PLAN PROJECTS

Summary

This report advises Members of progress with key projects contained in the Council's Capital Plan and brings forward a Post Implementation Review for approval.

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 It is important that progress on the Council's Capital Plan programme is kept under regular review and a number of key projects have been updated below. In addition a full update reflecting the current List A schemes relevant to this Board is attached at **[Annex 1]** for information.

1.1.2 Capital Plan schemes are also subject to Post Implementation Reviews after completion to assess their success against identified targets. In accordance with the Capital Strategy relevant Post Implementation Reviews will be submitted to this Board for approval and presented in accordance with the approved template.

1.2 Post Implementation Reviews

1.2.1 One Post Implementation Review has been brought forward for Member consideration and approval and is shown at **[Annex 2]**. The scheme relates to pipework surrounding the outdoor pool at Tonbridge Swimming Pool.

1.2.2 The project was completed on timescale with a small overspend of £4,000.

1.3 Larkfield Leisure Centre – Refurbishment of Health Suite

1.3.1 The Health Suite at Larkfield Leisure Centre is currently in a poor condition and the project allows for a full refurbishment of the suite, including the provision of a new Spa bath, Sauna, Stream Room, Showers and ventilation system.

1.3.2 The works have recently been tendered and, following a detailed tender evaluation, a contractor has been selected. The tender price was above the pre-tender estimate and the financial shortfall has been met by a financial contribution

from the Leisure Trust and virements from other existing schemes within the Capital Plan. In order to enable the scheme to be progressed in accordance with the existing timescale, approval of the funding has been granted under Section 4, Paragraph 14.2 of the Financial Procedure Rules by the Leader, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Group Leader of the Opposition, the Cabinet Members for Finance and Communities, the Chief Executive, the Director of Finance and Transformation and the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer. A detailed report on the tender evaluation and financing of the project is being considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 15 September 2015. It is the intention that works will commence on site in September with completion in early December 2015.

1.4 Larkfield Leisure Centre – Ultra Violet Dosing and Auto Backwashing Plant

- 1.4.1 This scheme was brought forward to enhance the existing plant that provides disinfection of the pools with Ultra Violet dosing and auto backwashing plant. Ultra Violet dosing has previously been installed at Tonbridge Swimming Pool and takes advantage of newer, cleaner technology. The new plant will improve reliability and efficiency.
- 1.4.2 I am pleased to advise Members that the works have been completed and a Post Implementation Review will be brought forward to a future meeting of this Board for Member consideration.

1.5 Leybourne Lakes Country Park

- 1.5.1 A List C project for evaluation is currently in the Council's Capital Plan for improved facility provision at Leybourne Lakes Country Park. The scheme identifies the potential improvements to include the provision of an education room/facility and general improvements to the water sports facilities/area.
- 1.5.2 A consultant has been engaged to bring forward costed options which will be reported to the Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board early in 2016 as part of the Capital Plan Review. The scheme is being considered not only to improve customer satisfaction, but to generate additional revenue for the authority in light of the Council's overall financial position.
- 1.5.3 An existing developer contribution of just over £300,000 is available to help fund the project and the Council is also investigating other external sources of funding/partnerships including local businesses and Hadlow College.

1.6 Tonbridge Town Lock

- 1.6.1 In partnership with the Environment Agency, the Council has commenced works to enhance the section of riverside at Town Lock, Tonbridge. The works, costing £1.89m include provision of a new flood wall, enhancement of the open space, the provision of CCTV and new boater facilities.

- 1.6.2 The contractor, Interserve, commenced work on the 1 June 2015 with a 34 week programme. A number of delays were experienced in the early stages of the work which has, unfortunately, led to a revised completion date of 15 February 2016. Despite the delays, the works are progressing well on site, particularly in relation to the new boat house and the construction of the flood walls. Liaison has taken place with residents and local Members and a further meeting is being arranged to update on progress. Progress is also being reported on the Council's website with a link to pictures showing works completed on a month by month basis.

1.7 Wouldham River Wall

- 1.7.1 Included in List A of the Capital Plan in 2016/17 is a provision of £700,000 to progress major reinstatement works to the Wouldham River Wall. The condition of the wall is being monitored on a regular basis. It is the intention to progress design works for the project and review the budget allocation over the next 2 to 3 months to enable a report to be submitted to the Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board early in 2016 as part of the Capital Plan Review.

1.8 Legal Implications

- 1.8.1 None

1.9 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.9.1 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 Transformation and the Director of Central Services. Post Implementation Reviews are undertaken on all completed schemes and reported to this Board. Increasingly a number of the schemes are funded by financial contributions from developers and other external sources.

1.10 Risk Assessment

- 1.10.1 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

1.11 Equality Impact Assessment

- 1.11.1 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

1.12 Policy Considerations

1.12.1 Asset Management, Biodiversity & Sustainability, Community, Healthy Lifestyles and Procurement

1.13 Recommendations

1.13.1 It is RECOMMENDED TO CABINET that:

- 1) the Post Implementation Review for Tonbridge Outdoor Pool as shown at **[Annex 2]** be approved; and
- 2) a detailed design for works to Wouldham River Wall be progressed and costed and be reported to the January 2016 meeting of the Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board .

The Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services confirms that the proposals contained in the recommendation(s), if approved, will fall within the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

Background papers:

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Nil

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