

PLANNING, HOUSING AND LEISURE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD 12 November 2013



Report of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods

Riverlights Pool and Fitness Centre - Update

SUMMARY

1.1 The Planning, Housing and Leisure Board requested an update on the Riverlights Pool and Fitness Centre (Riverlights) and therefore this report provides a summary of the key facilities that are contained in the building, the key milestones that have been completed to date and the next key steps of the project.

RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To note the progress and make appropriate comments or recommendations for the Leisure Facilities Strategy Board to consider.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 To ensure that the Planning, Housing and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Board is kept up to date on the development of the Riverlights project.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 The development of Riverlights forms part of the Council's Leisure Facility Strategy and the following key facilities have been included within the Stage C design report;

Ground Floor

- Main pool 50m x 18.5m with a traversable boom and constant depth of 1.8m.
- Spectator seating 300 spaces and competitor and officials seating
- Training pool 25m x 8m with a maximum depth of 1.2m linked to junior and toddler leisure water areas with 1 flume and other play features
- Parent/casual seating/viewing to training/leisure water areas.
- Wet side Changing Village and changing places accommodation
- Adult Health and Housing Facility for people with severe disabilities
- Café area 80 covers, part internal and part terrace
- Two entrance points from the Bus Station/Car Park and from Riverside Gardens

First Floor

- Health & Fitness Gym 100 stations
- Spinning room
- Multi-function studio
- Fitness and staff changing spaces
- Meeting room
- 4.2 The Adults Health & Housing facility will provide services to customers with profound learning and physical disabilities facilities include a communal area, kitchen, changing rooms; medication room; laundry; changing places room and common areas.
- 4.3 Following competitive tenders MACE consultants were appointed to design and project manage the Riverlights development. They have developed the design and layout in conjunction with the Council, Faulkner Brown Architects, Sport England and the Amateur Swimming Association. The project has progressed to RIBA Stage C design and has been approved by the Leisure Strategy Board.
- 4.4 Currently the Council is working with the design team to fully cost the Stage C design and to ensure this can be achieved within the allocated budget.

Once this has been achieved timelines for the remainder of the project will be determined in order to:

- Design the scheme further and complete RIBA Stage D.
- Submit the Planning Application.
- Commence procurement for a contractor to build the pool.

Once the timelines have been planned these will be reported to Members for approval.

- 4.5 In conjunction with the Council's Finance Team, Leisure Officers have developed a business and finance model that can be modified and updated based on proposed pricing schedules and how the Pool will be programmed to meet the needs of the community.
- 4.6 The Director for Leisure and Culture will attend the meeting to provide a verbal update and further information including the Stage C design images.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 Riverlights forms part of the Council's Leisure Facility Strategy. A grant for £3 million has been awarded by Sport England towards the £58 million Leisure Facility Strategy project budget and the AHH £0.871m budget.

Legal

2.1 Section 21 (3) of the Local Government Act 2000 requires that the power of an overview and scrutiny committee to review or scrutinise a decision made but not implemented includes power to recommend that the decision be reconsidered by the person who made it.

Personnel

3.1 None arising directly from this report.

Equalities Impact

4.1 These facilities will be a beacon of inclusion for people with disabilities.

Health and Safety

5.1 None arising directly from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

6.1 None arising directly from this report.

Property and Asset Management

7.1 The report provides an update on the current position of the Riverlights which will replace Queens Leisure Centre.

Risk Management

8.1 As part of the project management a risk log will be developed and implemented to manage all associated risks to this project.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

^{9.1} This initiative contributes to the following Council Plan objectives; a thriving sustainable economy; good health and well-being; a strong community and an active cultural life.