

## **SCRUTINY BOARD (CULTURE AND LEISURE)**

Meeting to be held in on Monday, 10th March, 2008 at 10.00 am

A pre-meeting will take place for ALL Members of the Board in a Committee Room at 9.30 am

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### Councillors

B Atha - Kirkstall

A Barker - Horsforth

B Gettings - Morley North

T Hanley (Chair) - Bramley and

Stanningley

A Hussain - Gipton and Harehills

B Jennings - Weetwood

G Kirkland - Otley and Yeadon

V Morgan - Killingbeck and

Seacroft

L Mulherin - Ardsley and Robin

Hood

L Rhodes-Clayton - Hyde Park and

Woodhouse

G Wilkinson - Wetherby

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## **SCRUTINY BOARD (CULTURE AND LEISURE)**

## **MONDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Councillor T Hanley in the Chair

Councillors B Atha, A Barker, B Gettings, B Jennings, G Kirkland and G Wilkinson

#### 75 Declarations of interest

Councillor Gettings declared a personal interest in Item 9, Current Governance Arrangements for the Leeds Grand Theatre and City Varieties due to his position on the Leeds Grand Theatre Board.

Councillor Atha declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 10, Middleton Park Equestrian Centre – Update due to his position as a trustee of the Middleton Park Equestrian Centre.

## 76 Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Hussain, Morgan, Mulherin and Rhodes-Clayton.

#### 77 Minutes

**RESOLVED –** That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2008 be confirmed as a correct record.

#### 78 Matters arising from the minutes

#### Minute No. 70 – Wharfemeadows Inquiry – Draft Report

The Chair reported that the Board's report following the Wharfemeadows Inquiry had been presented to the Executive Board. The report had been well received and debated at length. All the Board's recommendations with the exception of Recommendation 2, which related to access to legal advice, had been agreed. A further report would be brought regarding the unresolved recommendation. It was felt that this Board should be consulted regarding any further developments on the Council's Water Policy/Strategy and it was reported that this would be an ongoing matter.

## Minute No.71 – Major Projects Update

It was reported that the decision to cancel the Leeds Half Marathon had been reviewed and subsequently reversed.

#### 79 Quarter 3 Performance Report 2007/08

The Head of Policy, Performance and Improvement submitted a report which highlighted key performance issues considered to be of corporate significance for the Board.

The Chair welcomed Catherine Blanshard, Chief Libraries, Arts and Heritage Officer to the meeting.

It was reported that were no areas of concern and that previous concerns expressed had shown an improvement in relation to the increased figures in attendance at museums and galleries and of school visits. This had been due to the filling of vacancies in the Education Team. The next published figures would show the impact.

In brief summary, Members discussed the following issues:

- School visits problems due to cost of transport
- Swimming it was reported that attendance at the new pool had been higher than anticipated.
- It was reported that the Board would receive a report on the new Leaf Leisure Centres at a future meeting.

**RESOLVED** – That the Quarter 3 information be noted.

## 80 Current Governance Arrangements for the Leeds Grand Theatre and City Varieties

The Chief Libraries, Arts and Heritage Officer submitted a report which outlined the current governance arrangements for the Leeds Grand Theatre, City Varieties and Hyde Park Picture House which are led and managed by the Leeds Grand Theatre and Opera House Ltd. The report referred to the study of the governance arrangements commissioned by the Executive Board and provided Members with a copy of the report submitted to Executive Board in September 2006 and a copy of the draft Grand Theatre Board Manual.

Catherine Blanshard addressed the meeting. It was reported that the Executive Board had resolved to have 5 Elected Members on the Leeds Grand Theatre and Opera House Ltd Board and that there were positions for four independent members.

In response to Members questions and comments, the following issues were discussed:

- The independent members would have the same voting rights as Elected Members. Interviews were due to be held to fill the remaining vacancies for independent members.
- The purchase of the Swan Public house adjacent to the City Varieties.
- Concern was expressed regarding the proposals for a Chief Executive to be appointed. It was reported that following a recruitment process, a suitable candidate had not been found and talks were ongoing with the Arts Council.

- Members of the Board had been subject to an exercise matching their skills and experience to a matrix to ensure that the Board had the necessary expertise.
- In response to comments regarding the decline in financial performance across the venues, it was reported that this had been affected by various issues. The closure of the Grand Theatre for refurbishment works had had a major impact and though the City Variety figures were reasonable, the recent pantomime had not been as successful as envisaged. Significant improvements had been recorded at the Hyde Park Picture House.
- Major building projects at the Grand Theatre and City Varieties.
- Recruiting staff with experience of theatre management and staff with necessary technical experience.
- Problems with equipment at the venues, contractors obligations and staff training in the use of equipment.
- Concern that the current management structure was unsuitable and that each venue should have its own management board. It was reported that there would be a sub-group of the main board for each venue.
- The Board was assured that there would not be an appointment of a Chief Executive until a further report had been submitted regarding the management arrangements.

**RESOLVED –** That Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure) accept the Executive Board decision that, for a variety of reasons, the Grand Theatre and Opera House Board Ltd is the appropriate vehicle to lead and manage the three venues and that the Board is strengthened by independent members to help it have more independence in decision making.

#### 81 Outdoor Bowls Provision

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report following the Board's request for information on Outdoor Bowls Provision across the City. A report from the Acting Chief Recreation Officer was appended which outlined bowls provision across the city and main issues.

The Chair welcomed Sean Flesher, Principal Area Manager (West), Parks and Countryside to the meeting.

It was reported that Leeds City Council was responsible for 53 sites across the City and the cost of grounds maintenance for each green was approximately £7,500. The Council's overall subsidy to Bowls was in the region of £556,770 per annum which approximately equated to £167 per player.

In response to Members questions and comments, the following issues were discussed:

• Other costs above and beyond those accounted for such as costs for utilities at pavilions and associated structural maintenance.

- Majority of costs for the Bowling Greens involved labour, chemicals and top dressing. There were also costs for machinery. Costs could vary depending on the time of the year.
- Promotion of and encouragement of Bowls it was reported that local clubs did actively seek new Members
- It was felt that the level of subsidy needed to be reduced if numbers of participants could not be increased.
- It was reported that the presence of people using Bowling Greens was a deterrent to anti social behaviour in public parks. Other benefits included the promotion of physical activity and community engagement.
- It was reported that a Bowls Strategy was proposed to address issues that had been identified.
- Members also requested information on comparisons with other authorities in relation to costs and subsidies.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

## 82 Middleton Park Equestrian Centre - Update

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report which updated the Board on progress regarding the inquiry into the Middleton Park Equestrian Centre.

The Board was advised that a further meeting was to be held between the Centre's Trustees and Council Officers and it was felt that the item should be deferred until this meeting had taken place.

**RESOLVED** – That the item be deferred to a future meeting of the Board

#### 83 Work Programme

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report which detailed the Board's current work programme. Also attached to the report was an extract from the Forward Plan of Key Decisions which highlighted decisions that fell within the Board's remit.

Issues discussed in relation the Board's future work programming included the Roundhay Park Café, the Sports Trust Update and the New Leaf Leisure Centres.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

### 84 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00 a.m. (Pre-meeting for all Members at 09.30 a.m.).

# Agenda Item 7

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

## FRIDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 2008

PRESENT: Councillor A Carter in the Chair

Councillors R Brett, S Golton, R Harker, P Harrand, J Procter, S Smith and

K Wakefield

Councillor Blake – Non Voting Advisory Member

#### 161 Chair's Announcements

The Chair announced that the funeral of Mr John Gunnell, a former West Yorkshire County Councillor, Leeds City Councillor and MP for Morley was being held today. On behalf of Executive Board, the Chair paid tribute to Mr Gunnell and requested that the Board's condolences be conveyed to Mr Gunnell's family.

#### 162 Exclusion of Public

**RESOLVED** – That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated exempt on the grounds that it is likely, in the view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information so designated as follows:

- (a) Appendix F to the report referred to in minute 168(C) under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because the appendix contains details of sites scheduled for future disposal by the Council, which if disclosed would, or would be likely to prejudice the Council's commercial interests in relation to the level of capital receipts generated from the future disposal of such sites.
- (b) Appendix D to the report referred to in minute 171 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(4) and (5) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because the Council is currently defending a large number of equal pay cases before the Employment Tribunal and release of the information at this time could prejudice the outcome of such tribunal claims, proving costly to the Council, and thereby having an adverse impact on the public.
- (c) Appendix 1 to the report referred to in minute 177 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information as disclosure would, or would be

likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Council by virtue of the fact that sensitive negotiations are currently ongoing with private sector investors and Yorkshire Forward to secure a contribution to the Albion Place improvement works.

(d) Appendices 5, 7 and 8 to the report referred to in Minute 179 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information as disclosure of information relating to the remaining leasehold properties to be acquired in both Beeston Hill and Holbeck and Little London, as detailed within the appendices would be likely to prejudice the Council's commercial interests when undertaking negotiations in respect of such properties.

Appendix 9 to the report referred to in minute 179 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information as disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the Council's commercial interests by virtue of the fact that it includes information relating to the Council's financial position in the Outline Business Case for Beeston Hill and Holbeck, the details of which are yet to be fully agreed. In addition the Council has also commenced competitive dialogue with PFI bidders, and the disclosure of such information could prejudice the ongoing procurement process.

- (e) Annex 2 to the report referred to in minute 181 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(1) and (2) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information as Education Leeds has a duty to secure improvement and increased confidence in the schools concerned and this would be adversely affected by disclosure of the information.
- (f) Annex 3 to the report referred to in minute 182 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(1) and (2) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information as Education Leeds has a duty to secure improvement and increased confidence in the schools concerned and this would be adversely affected by disclosure of the information.
- (g) Appendix 1 to the report referred to in minute 185 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information as disclosure would prejudice the Council's commercial interests as the appendix details matters where negotiations of a confidential nature will ensue. In these circumstances

it is considered that the public interest in not disclosing the commercial information outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

#### 163 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Brett declared a personal interest in the items relating to 'Health and Wellbeing Partnership Arrangements' and 'Consultation Paper – Valuing People Now: From Progress to Transformation' (minutes 186 and 187 refer respectively) as a member of the Burmantofts Senior Action Management Committee.

Councillor Smith declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item relating to 'Pay and Grading Review' (minute 171) due to his wife being an employee of Education Leeds.

Councillor Blake declared a personal interest in the item relating to 'Health and Wellbeing Partnership Arrangements' (minute 186) due to her position as Non-Execuitve Director of Leeds North West Primary Care Trust and a member of Middleton Elderly Aid.

A further declaration made during the meeting (Councillor Wakefield) is referred to at minute 176.

#### 164 Minutes

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2008 be approved.

#### LEISURE

# 165 Inquiry into River Safety Management at Wharfemeadows Park, Otley - Final Report and Recommendations

The Chief Democratic Services Officer submitted a report presenting the final report and recommendations of the Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure) following its inquiry into 'River Safety Management at Wharfemeadows Park, Otley'.

A minority report submitted by a member of the Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure) was appended to the report.

The Chair of the Scrutiny Board attended the meeting and presented the Scrutiny report.

**RESOLVED** – That the contents of the Scrutiny inquiry report be received.

# 166 Inquiry into River Safety Management at Wharfemeadows Park, Otley - Officer Observations

The Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) submitted a report in order to assist Members when considering the recommendations of Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure) in regard to their inquiry into the decision by Executive Board to erect fencing at Wharfemeadows Park Otley.

The final report of the Scrutiny Board was considered as a separate item on the agenda (minute 165 refers).

**RESOLVED** – That recommendations 1, 3 an 4 of the report by Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure) be accepted and that the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) report back on recommendation 2 of the Scrutiny Board's report, in relation to the availability of Counsel's advice to the public.

## **CENTRAL AND CORPORATE**

## 167 Budget Arrangements 2009/2010

The Chair circulated to Board members a copy of a letter from John Healey MP, Minister for Local Government confirming that the Council's failure to qualify for monies under the Working Neighbourhoods Fund would not be subject to further consideration.

**RESOLVED** – That, in view of the reductions in funding in 2009/2010 which can be anticipated as a result of this confirmation, the Director of Resources be requested to report back to the Board on potential savings which may be realised in that year in relation to Council publications, engagement of consultants and procurements.

## 168 Council Budget 2008/2009 and Capital Programme

(A) Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2008/09

The Director of Resources submitted a report on the Council's budget for 2008/09 following detailed consideration of service requirements and taking account of the Local Government Finance Settlement. The report indicated that the budget would result in a Band D Council Tax of £1,064.37 for consideration by Council.

#### **RESOLVED -**

- (i) That Council be recommended to approve the Revenue Estimates for 2008/09 totalling £540,509,000 as detailed and explained in the submitted report and accompanying papers, including a 4.7% increase in the Leeds' element of the Council Tax.
- (ii) That as the Police Authority budget meeting is currently scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2008, Council be recommended to establish a committee of the Council specifically to set the final Council Tax.
- (iii) That the fees and charges policy as detailed in appendix 5 of the report be approved.
- (iv) That the proposal to change the childcare fee structure as detailed in the Children's Services budget briefing report be approved.
- (v) That the proposed local performance indicators as detailed within paragraph 13 of the report be approved.

## (B) Housing Revenue Account Budget 2008/09

The Directors of Resources and Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a joint report on the Housing Revenue Account budget and ALMO management fee distribution for 2008/09.

#### **RESOLVED -**

- (i) That the Council be recommended to approve the budget at the average rent increase figure of 5.8%.
- (ii) That the Council be recommended to approve that service charges be increased in line with average rent rises.
- (iii) That the Council be recommended to approve that the charges for garage rents be increased to £5.55 per week.

## (C) Capital Programme 2007-2012

The Director of Resources submitted a report setting out the updated capital programme for 2007-2012.

Following consideration of appendix F to the report designated as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3) which was considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting it was

#### **RESOLVED** -

- (i) That the Council be recommended to approve the capital programme as attached to the submitted report.
- (ii) That the Director of Resources be authorised to manage, monitor and control scheme progress and commitments to ensure that the programme is affordable.
- (iii) That the disposal of land and property sites as detailed within exempt appendix F to the report be agreed in order to generate capital receipts to support the capital programme.
- (iv) That the Council be recommended to approve the proposed Minimum Revenue Provision policies for 2008/09 as set out in paragraph 5.3.2 and appendix G to the report.

#### (D) Treasury Management Strategy 2008/09

The Director of Resources submitted a report on the proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2008/09 and the revised affordable borrowing limits under the prudential framework. The report also provided members with a review of strategy and operations in 2007/08.

#### **RESOLVED -**

(i) That the initial Treasury Strategy for 2008/09 as set out in section 3.3 of the report be approved and that the review of the 2007/08 strategy and operations, as set out in sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the report be noted.

- (ii) That the Council be recommended to set the borrowing limits for 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11, as set out in section 3.4 of the report.
- (iii) That the Council be recommended to set the treasury management indicators for 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11, as set out in section 3.5 of the report.
- (iv) That the Council be recommended to set the investment limits for 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11, as set out in section 3.6 of the report.

(The matters referred to in parts A(i) and (ii), B(i), (ii) and (iii), C(i) and (iv) and D (ii), (iii) and (iv) of this minute being matters reserved to Council were not eligible for Call In)

(Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.5 Councillor Wakefield required it to be recorded that he abstained from voting on the decisions contained in this minute)

## 169 Financial Health Monitoring 2007/08 - Third Quarter Report

The Director of Resources submitted a report setting out the Council's financial health position for 2007/08 after nine months of the financial year, in respect of the revenue expenditure and income to date compared to the approved budget, the projected year end position and proposed actions to ensure a balanced budget by the year end. The report also highlighted the position regarding other key financial indicators, including Council Tax collection and the payment of creditors.

#### **RESOLVED** –

- (i) That the projected financial position of the authority after nine months of the new financial year be noted.
- (ii) That the transfer of the projected surplus to general reserves be approved.

# 170 Final Local Government Finance Settlement 2008/09 and Revised Provisional Settlements for 2009/10 and 2010/2011

The Director of Resources submitted a report providing details of the final Local Government Revenue Support Grant Settlement for 2008/09 and the revised provisional settlements for 2009/10 and 2010/11 which were announced on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

**RESOLVED** – That the contents of the report be noted.

#### 171 Pay and Grading Review

The Director of Resources submitted a report which sought approval of an amended version of the pay structure and confirmed the position on pay protection for the purpose of the Pay and Grading Review. The report also updated members on negotiations with the trade unions.

Following consideration of appendix D to the report designated as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(4) and (5) which was considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting it was

#### **RESOLVED -**

- (i) That the amended pay structure, as detailed within appendix A to the report be approved.
- (ii) That the pay protection arrangements for Phase 1 and Phase 2 employees be confirmed as previously agreed by the Executive Board in March 2007, which is for those staff whose grade changes adversely as a result of the job evaluation exercise:-
  - A period of no longer than 3 years protection attracting annual pay award and increments in line with the NJC for Local Government service pay agreements effective from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008;
  - Year 4 go directly to the maximum point of the new substantive grade/pay range.
- (iii) That the Board notes that the Director of Resources will continue negotiations with the Trade Unions and will continue to work with the Trade Unions to identify means of avoiding individual loss wherever possible and appropriate.
- (iv) That the Director of Resources be authorised to take steps to implement the new pay structure, by agreement or otherwise, in the light of the negotiations with Trade Unions.

(Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, Councillor Smith left the meeting during consideration of this matter)

#### 172 Comprehensive Performance Assessment - 2007 Result

The Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Planning and Improvement) submitted a report updating members on the arrangements for reporting Leeds City Council's Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) judgement for 2007, namely a 4 star authority which is improving well.

#### **RESOLVED -**

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (ii) That all staff of the authority be offered the thanks of the Board for their contribution to this result.

#### 173 225 York Road Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Section Extension

The Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) submitted a report on a proposed extension to the existing purpose built accommodation for the Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Section at 225 York Road.

#### **RESOLVED -**

- (i) That the further injection into the 2007/08 capital programme of £84,000 be approved.
- (ii) That authority be given to incur expenditure of £610,000 on construction costs, £17,600 on equipment and £78,500 on fees.

#### **DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION**

## 174 West End Partnership - Proposed Memorandum of Understanding

The Director of City Development submitted a report on a proposed Memorandum of Understanding which would facilitate collaboration between Leeds City Council and six private developers to promote the West End vision.

#### **RESOLVED -**

- (i) That the Council be authorised to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with the six companies comprising the West End Partnership.
- (ii) That the general terms of the Memorandum of Understanding as outlined in paragraph 2.6 of the report, be agreed, with the specific details being agreed by the Director of City Development and the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) as appropriate.
- (iii) That the Director of City Development be requested to examine processes whereby elected Members can be briefed as to progress of the proposals.

## 175 Roundhay Road Proposed High Occupancy Vehicle Lane

The Director of City Development submitted a report on the proposed implementation of a scheme to improve the existing bus lane on Roundhay Road, which would facilitate its use by High Occupancy Vehicles, in addition to ensuring a more reliable passage for buses at an overall cost of £540,000.

#### **RESOLVED -**

- (i) That the Roundhay Road Bus and High Occupancy Vehicle Corridor Scheme, as illustrated on drawing numbers 760217/002, at an estimated cost of £538,717 be approved.
- (ii) That £511,717 expenditure, comprising £336,354 works costs, statutory undertakers costs of £103,619 and a further £71,744 staff costs for supervision, monitoring and enforcement be approved. These costs to be met from the Integrated Transport Scheme 99609 within the approved Capital Programme which is eligible for 100% Government funding and may be reimbursed at a later date via Section 106 contributions.
- (iii) That the previous approval of staff costs of £27,000 which were met from the Integrated Transport Scheme 99609 within the approved Capital Programme be noted.

## 176 Private Streets Programme

The Director of City Development submitted a report which provided an update on the progress of the Private Streets Programme, sought approval to extend the programme for a further 3 years from April 2008 and to incur expenditure of a further £3,600,000, which was the remaining balance of the overall capital programme provision for the initiative.

#### **RESOLVED -**

- (i) That the updated position report on the current Private Streets Programme be noted.
- (ii) That the continuation of the Private Streets Programme for a further 3 years up to and including 2010/11 be approved.
- (iii) That authority be given to the further expenditure of £3,600,000 on the continuing implementation of the Private Streets Programme, funded from Scheme Number 28967 in the approved Capital Programme, £4,200,000 expenditure having been previously approved.

(Councillor Wakefield declared a personal interest in this matter as the owner of a property adjoining a street which had benefited under this programme)

#### 177 Albion Place Refurbishment

The Director of City Development submitted a report which sought approval of the project's scheme design, and sought authority to spend monies from Leeds City Council's capital budget for the refurbishment scheme.

Following consideration of appendix 1 to the report designated as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3), which was considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting it was

## **RESOLVED -**

- (i) That the scheme design, as outlined within the report be approved.
- (ii) That the release of scheme expenditure as detailed in table (vi) at lines CPRH (3) and CPRH (6) of exempt appendix 1 be authorised.

#### 178 Yeadon Town and District Centre Regeneration Scheme

The Directors of City Development and Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a joint report on a proposal to spend £941,218 to aid the regeneration of Yeadon High Street by making significant improvements to the public realm and pedestrian use of the area.

#### **RESOLVED -**

- (i) That the project brief and scheme design as presented within the report be noted.
- (ii) That the Design and Cost Report for scheme 12154/YEA/000 be approved, and that the scheme expenditure, totalling £941,218 be authorised.

## **NEIGHBOURHOODS AND HOUSING**

# 179 Little London and Beeston Hill and Holbeck PFI Projects - Land Assembly Issues and Update on the Lovells Multi-Storey Flats

The Directors of Environment and Neighbourhoods and City Development submitted a joint report providing an update on the Beeston Hill and Holbeck and Little London PFI schemes, commenting on the Outline Business Case for Beeston Hill and Holbeck which had been made available to Members of the Board and proposing a number of key recommendations to enable the projects to progress.

Following consideration of appendices 5,7, 8 and 9 to the report designated as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3) which were considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting, it was

#### **RESOLVED -**

- (i) In respect of the properties at **Little London**:
  - a) That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods be authorised to make a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of such properties and interests as may be required subject to the Director being satisfied that the requirements of Section 226(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and the provisions of Circular 06/2004 are complied with.
  - b) That officers be authorised to take all necessary steps to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the Compulsory Purchase Order including:
    - (i) the publication and service of all notices and the presentation of the Councils case at any Public Inquiry
    - (ii) approving the acquisition of interest in land within the Compulsory Purchase Order either by agreement or by way of compulsory powers
    - (iii) approving agreements with landowners setting out the terms for the withdrawal of objections to the Order including, where appropriate, seeking exclusion of land from the Order and/or making arrangements for the relocation of occupiers
    - (iv) such other agreements including Indemnity and Development Agreements as may be necessary to promote the Scheme.
- (ii) In respect of the properties at **Beeston Hill and Holbeck**:
  - a) That the development sites included in the PFI scheme be noted and the Director of City Development be authorised to enter into such negotiations as are required to acquire properties and interests within the area on such terms as she thinks appropriate in order to facilitate the Scheme, subject to the approval by government of the PFI Outline Business Case for Beeston Hill and Holbeck.
  - b) That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods be authorised to make a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of such properties as may be required subject to the Director being satisfied that the requirements of Section 229(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and Circular 06/2004 are complied with.

- c) That officers be authorised to take all necessary steps to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the Compulsory Purchase Order including:-
  - (i) the publication and service of all notices and the presentation of the Council's case at any Public Inquiry
  - (ii) approving the acquisition of interest in land within the Compulsory Purchase Order either by agreement or by way of compulsory powers
  - (iii) approving agreements with landowners setting out terms for the withdrawal of objections to the Order including, where appropriate, seeking exclusion of land from the Order and/or making arrangements for the relocation of occupiers
  - (iv) such other agreements including Indemnity and Development Agreements as may be necessary to promote the Scheme
- (iii) That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance), be authorised to make minor changes to the development site boundaries in both Beeston Hill & Holbeck and Little London where required as a result of further due diligence.
- (iv) That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods be authorised to make an application to Government for Decent Homes funding for refurbishment of the Lovells multi-storey flats.
- (v) That the financial issues detailed in exempt appendix 9 to the report be agreed and that approval be given to the affordability of both the Beeston and Holbeck and Little London schemes and to the capital contribution for the Beeston Hill and Holbeck PFI scheme.

#### 180 Disposal of Land for Affordable Housing

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report on a proposal to dispose of the first six sites from the 77 acres within the Affordable Housing Strategic Partnership at less than best consideration calculated at £5,000 per plot. The report also sought approval for the Director of City Development to undertake further disposals of sites within the Affordable Housing Strategic Partnership at less than best consideration of £5,000 per plot.

#### RESOLVED -

- (i) That the disposal of the first six sites within the Affordable Housing Strategic Partnership at less than best consideration, calculated at £5,000 per plot be approved.
- (ii) That the Director of City Development be authorised to dispose of other sites within the 77 acres allocated to the Affordable Housing Strategic

- Partnership where the disposal is at less than best consideration calculated at £5,000 per plot.
- (iii) That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods be requested to prioritise progress on the Highfield Gardens site within the context of the Board's decision of 19<sup>th</sup> December 2007 on options for Building Council Housing with appropriate adjustments to this programme.

## **CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

## 181 Annual Standards Report - Primary

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report providing an overview of the performance of primary schools at the end of 2006/07, as demonstrated through statutory national testing, Ofsted inspections and the Education Leeds emerging concerns protocols. It also outlined the action taken by Education Leeds to fulfil its responsibilities to this Board and schools.

Following consideration of annex 2 to the report designated as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(1) and (2), which was considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting, it was

**RESOLVED** –That the progress which has been made in recent years, in addition to the key issues and challenges which are currently being addressed be noted.

## 182 Annual Standards Report - Secondary

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report providing an overview of the performance of secondary schools at the end of 2006/07 which analysed the results of the tests at the end of Key Stage 3, GCSE and vocational examinations at Key Stage 4. The report also reviewed the progress of schools receiving additional support through the extended or focused partnerships.

Following consideration of annex 3 to the report designated as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(1) and (2) which was considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting it was

## **RESOLVED -**

(a) That the contents of the report be noted, together with the good progress made in recent years, the improvements achieved in value added indicators particularly for progress between Key Stages 2-3 and Key Stages 3-4, the new floor targets which have been established at Key Stages 3 and 4 which focus upon achievement in English and mathematics and require new strategies from schools to ensure that pupils achieve, in addition to the co-ordination and combination of efforts from across the service areas of Education Leeds and Children Leeds that will be necessary to improve outcomes for underachieving groups and to close the gap between the most and the least successful.

(b) That the Chief Executive of Education Leeds be requested to bring a further report to the Board on the strategies being used to address identified areas of comparative under achievement.

## 183 The 'Children's Plan - Building Brighter Futures'

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report summarising the content of the recently published 'Children's Plan – Building Brighter Futures' and highlighting the key implications within the plan for children's services in Leeds.

**RESOLVED** – That the proposal for the authority to lead the development to renew the city's strategy for children's services through a revised Children and Young People's Plan be approved.

## 184 Integrated Capital Strategy for Youth Centres

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report on a proposal to develop an integrated capital strategy designed to enable quality integrated youth centres to be established in Leeds.

#### **RESOLVED -**

- (i) That the establishment of an integrated capital strategy for youth centres, as described within the report be approved.
- (ii) That proposals be progressed for the establishment of quality youth hub centres in pursuance of the ambitions detailed within the report.
- (iii) That approval be given for the strategy to be progressed by the emerging Integrated Youth Support Service and as part of the wider Children's Services Asset Management Plan.

## 185 Leeds Independent Living PFI Project

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report providing an update on the affordability position of the Children's Services element of the Independent Living Project. The report also outlined the sites to be used within the Independent Living Project and sought approval to lease the relevant sites to the PFI contractor for use during the 25 year life of the contract.

Following consideration of appendix 1 to the report designated as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3), which was considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting, it was

## **RESOLVED -**

- (i) That the financial implications for the Council entering into the Children's Services element of the Independent Living Project be approved, and the maximum affordability ceiling for that element of £360,000 for the first full financial year (2010/11) as set out in exempt appendix 1 to the report be agreed.
- (ii) That, subject to consent being obtained as required under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 1988, authority be given to the Chief Asset Management Officer to determine the disposal of those sites detailed at appendix 2 to the report under Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972, to the housing management contractor under

the Independent Living Project, on a leasehold basis and at less than best consideration where indicated.

## **ADULT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**

## 186 Health and Wellbeing Partnership Arrangements

The Director of Adult Social Services submitted a report outlining the proposed changes to the functions and partnership structure under the Healthy Leeds Partnership, the consultation process which had been undertaken, and the response to the key points which had emerged from such consultation. As one of the key partners, the Executive Board was asked to give its approval to the proposed changes to the Healthy Leeds Partnership.

## **RESOLVED -**

- (i) That the summary of comments received through the consultation on revised partnership arrangements for health and well being be noted.
- (ii) That the proposals detailed within the consultation document on health and wellbeing partnership arrangements be supported.
- (iii) That Leeds City Council's support for the partnership proposals be reported to the Healthy Leeds Partnership at its next scheduled meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

## 187 Consultation Paper - Valuing People Now: From Progress to Transformation

The Director of Adult Social Services submitted a report providing information on the publication of a recent document from the Department of Health entitled 'Valuing People Now – From Progress to Transformation', which followed on from earlier Valuing People documents seeking to promote equal citizenship for people with learning disabilities.

## **RESOLVED -**

- (i) That the publication of the Valuing People Now document and the wide ranging proposals it makes in relation to improving the lives of people with learning disabilities be noted.
- (ii) That the implications for the Council as detailed in section 4 of the report, particularly in relation to the transfer of commissioning responsibilities from the PCT and in relation to the provision of more individualised and community based service provision for people with learning disabilities be noted.
- (iii) That the preparation of a consultation response by the Leeds Learning Disability Partnership Board be noted.
- (iv) That the proposal for the final report to be issued by the Department of Health in the summer be noted.

DATE OF PUBLICATION: 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008

LAST DATE FOR CALL IN: 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008 (5.00 PM)

(Scrutiny Support will notify Directors of any items called in by 12 noon on Wednesday  $20^{\rm th}$  February 2008)

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Agenda Item 8

Originator: Angela Lawson

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## Report of the Director of City Development

**Scrutiny Board Culture and Leisure** 

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008

Subject: NEW LEAF LEISURE CENTRES PFI PROJECT

Electoral Wards Affected: Armley,	Specific Implications For:		
Morley North, Morley South	Equality and Diversity		
	Community Cohesion X		
	Narrowing the Gap		

## **Executive Summary**

- 1. This report is in response to a request by Scrutiny Board Culture and Leisure for a progress report regarding the New Leaf Leisure Centres PFI Project.
- 2. The Outline Business Case for the project received Executive Board approval February 2007 and then was endorsed by the Department for Culture Media and Sport in June 2007.
- 3. The project entered its procurement stages in June 2007 and as part of this process planning applications for the centres at Armley and Morley are to be submitted to the Planning Authority in March 2008.
- 4. Throughout the last year and a half consultation has been undertaken regularly with users, local residents, ward members, staff, the Primary Care Trust (PCT), Education Leeds and Sport England. Consultation meetings with stakeholder groups in both Morley and Armley are currently being held every 6 weeks at the leisure centres. All of the decisions taken to date relating to the design, location and facilities have been in consultation with the local stakeholder groups.
- It is proposed that the project will reach contract close in early August 2008 with works starting on site in August 2008. The buildings would become operational in Spring 2010.

## 1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a progress report to Scrutiny regarding the New Leaf Leisure Centres PFI Project including the consultation undertaken to date under the Communications Strategy previously reported to Scrutiny in November 2006.

## 2.0 Background Information

- On 18<sup>th</sup> May 2005 Executive Board approved the submission of an Expression of Interest (EoI) to reprovide 6 new leisure centres for £60.1 million. In August 2005 the DCMS approved the allocation of £30 million Credits for the construction of up to 3 new leisure centres across Leeds.
- 2.2 Following a detailed options appraisal, three leisure centres were identified to take forward in the Outline Business Case, namely Morley, Armley and a new centre in East Leeds.
- 2.3 In June 2006, further to public consultation which identified concerns in relation to the proposals for East Leeds, and further to the affordability gap being identified as too great to bridge the DCMS granted the Council an extension of time to carry out a further detailed options appraisal.
- 2.4 As members will be aware, in November 2006 the Minister for Sport confirmed that he endorsed the creation of 2 new leisure centres in Leeds and confirmed that the two centres to be replaced would be at Armley and Morley.
- 2.5 In February 2007, Executive Board approved the submission of the Outline Business Case for Morley and Armley to the Department for Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) and also approved the proposal to seek additional PFI funding should it become available for the replacement of Holt Park leisure centre. It also recommended that officers explore the potential that the leisure centres in East Leeds could be improved / replaced under the EASEL Regeneration proposals.
- 2.6 In June 2007 DCMS endorsed the Outline Business Case for New Leaf and the project entered into the procurement phase. The project is being procured under the Local Education Partnership (LEP) procured under the Building Schools for the Future Phase 1 programme. Over the last 8 months the LEP and its supply chain has been developing concept designs for the centres.
- 2.7 Throughout the design development process consultation has been undertaken regularly with Stakeholders. Under the consultation strategy previously shared with Scrutiny Board in November 2006, 3 Stakeholder Groups have been established;
  - one at each centre consisting of current centre users, sports and community groups, ward members, local residents, Education Leeds, Special Needs Groups and also
  - a specialist Stakeholder Group consisting of the PCT, Social Care Services and Sport which focuses on the accessibility of the centres for all as well as the specialist requirements for the hydrotherapy pool.
- 2.8 The Stakeholder Groups meet every 6 weeks unless the group asks for the next meeting to be delayed in order for additional information to be provided for them. The groups have been involved in determining where the centres should be located, how current centre users will be accommodated during the construction of the new centres, the mix of facilities and the concept design and layout.
- 2.9 Consultation also includes a New Leaf website where all of the Minutes from the Stakeholder Groups are posted together with the latest issues and designs, there are also noticeboards in both leisure centres with this information and feedback forms for the public to complete. In addition, there are mobile display boards for the project which are circulated around the public buildings in each area encouraging feedback from as wide an audience as possible.

2.10 Off site highway enabling works at both sites and a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at Armley will be provided by the Council and Executive Board approval to a Design and Cost report for this will be sought in May 2008.

#### 3.0 Main Issues

- 3.1 The Council has a tight programme for the delivery of the new leisure centres and the consultation and communication strategy will continue to be implemented until the new buildings are open and operating successfully.
- 3.2 Executive Board approval to submit the Final Business Case to the DCMS will be sought in June 2008. Prior to this a number of site investigations will be undertaken at each site.
- 3.3 On the basis that the Council decides to implement a Sports Trust a review of contract documentation for the PFI leisure centres is currently being undertaken. This will ensure that the Sport Trust will be able to operate the sport programmes in the leisure centres whilst the PFI Contractor ensures that the buildings are clean, secure and well maintained.
- 3.4 Copies of the current concept plans are attached for information at Appendix 1.

## 4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

4.1 The New Leaf Leisure Centres PFI Project aims to deliver high quality community sports hubs to contribute towards the improvement of the city's leisure centre portfolio and to encourage new users who may not previously have been able to access a leisure centre to use the facilities. Meeting the Council's aspirations in terms of community inclusion, accessibility and healthy living.

## 5.0 Legal And Resource Implications

Resources are identified from within the City Development budget to deliver the project including procurement of the PFI Consortia. Discussions are currently being held with the LEP regarding the ongoing build and unitary charge over the next 25 years.

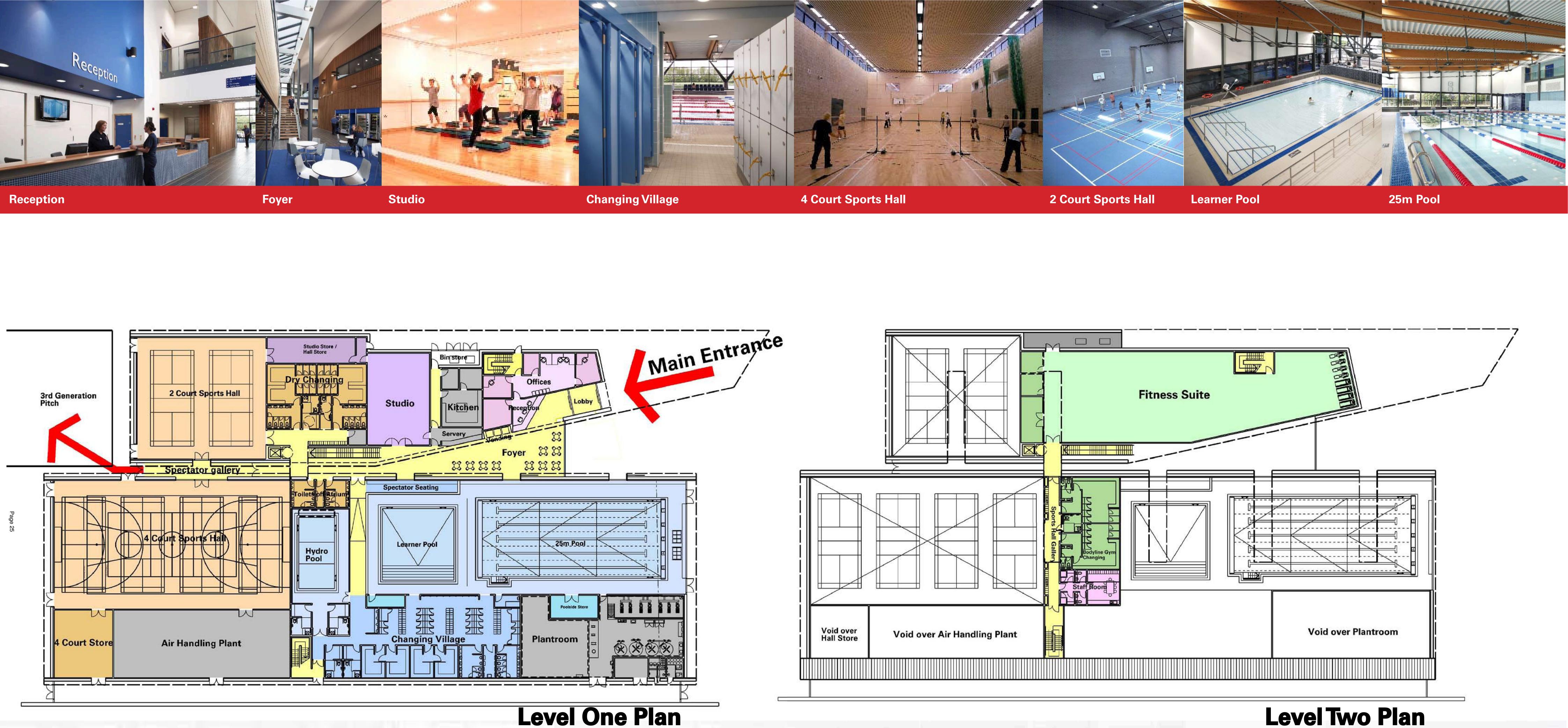
#### 6.0 Conclusions

6.1 The New Leaf Leisure Centre project is working to a tight programme with the support of its stakeholders. Consultation will continue throughout the procurement and construction phases into the operational phase.

## 7.0 Recommendations

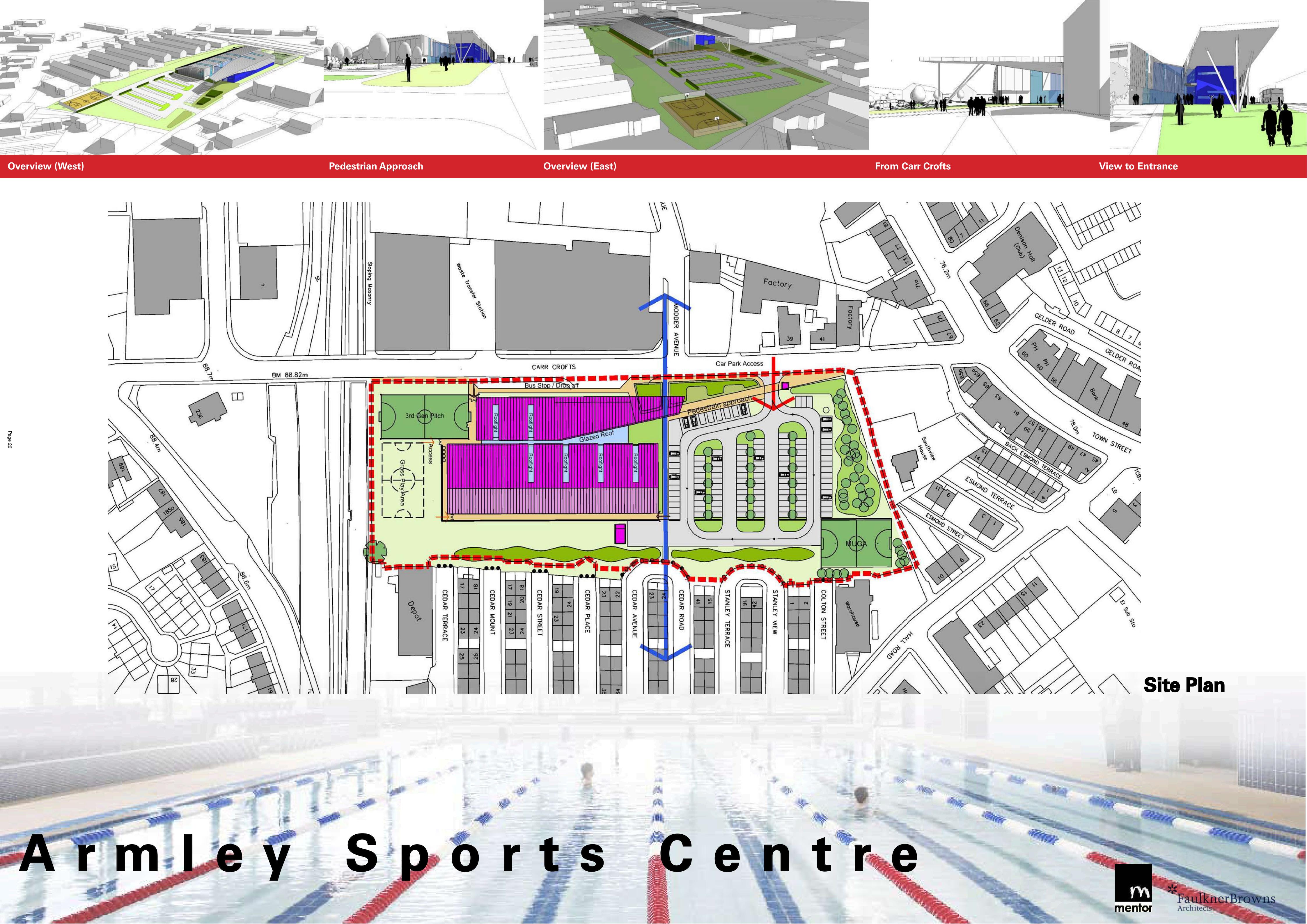
7.1 That Scrutiny Board Leisure notes the contents of the report the timescales for delivery of the project and the consultation undertaken to date and proposed for the future.

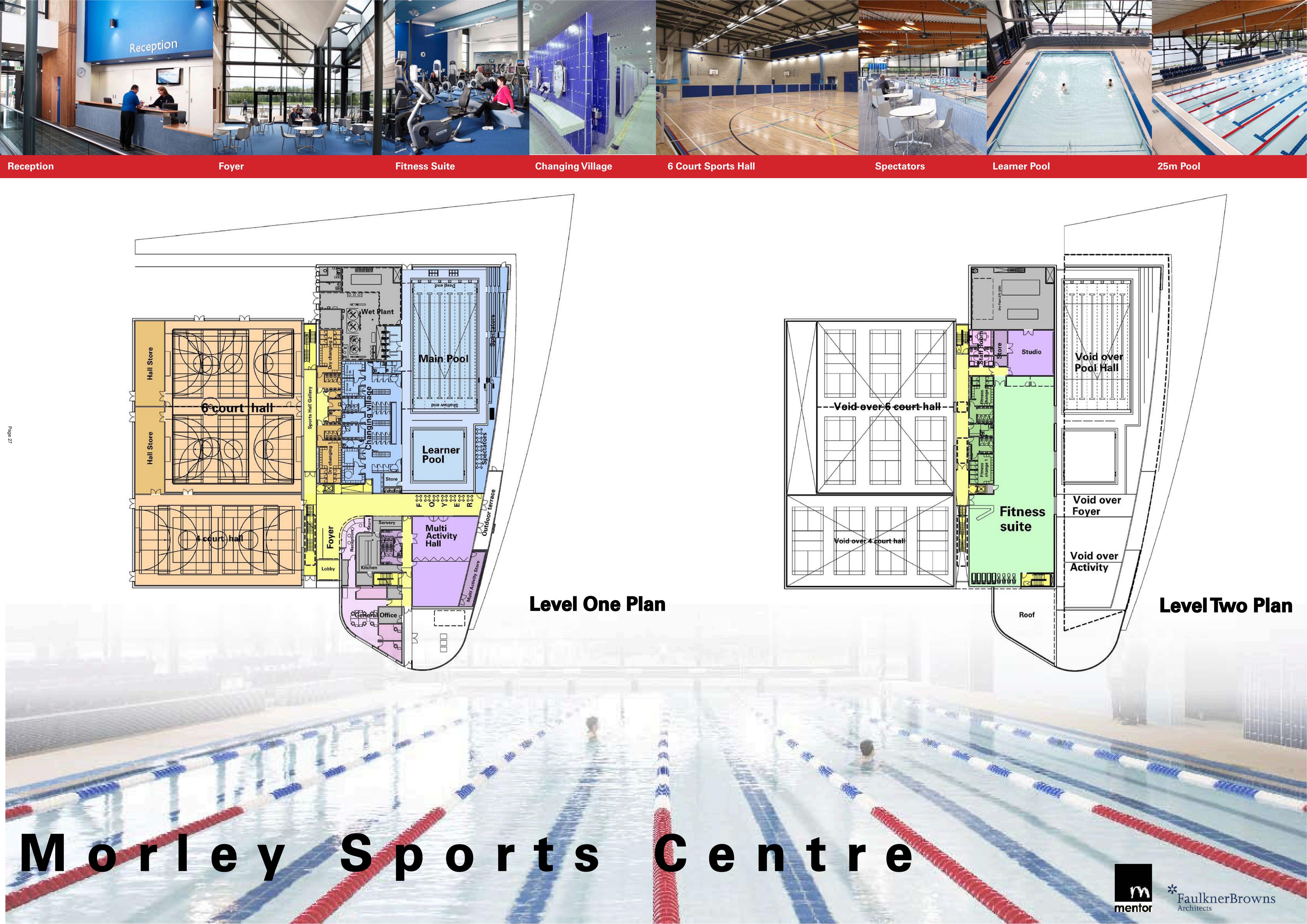
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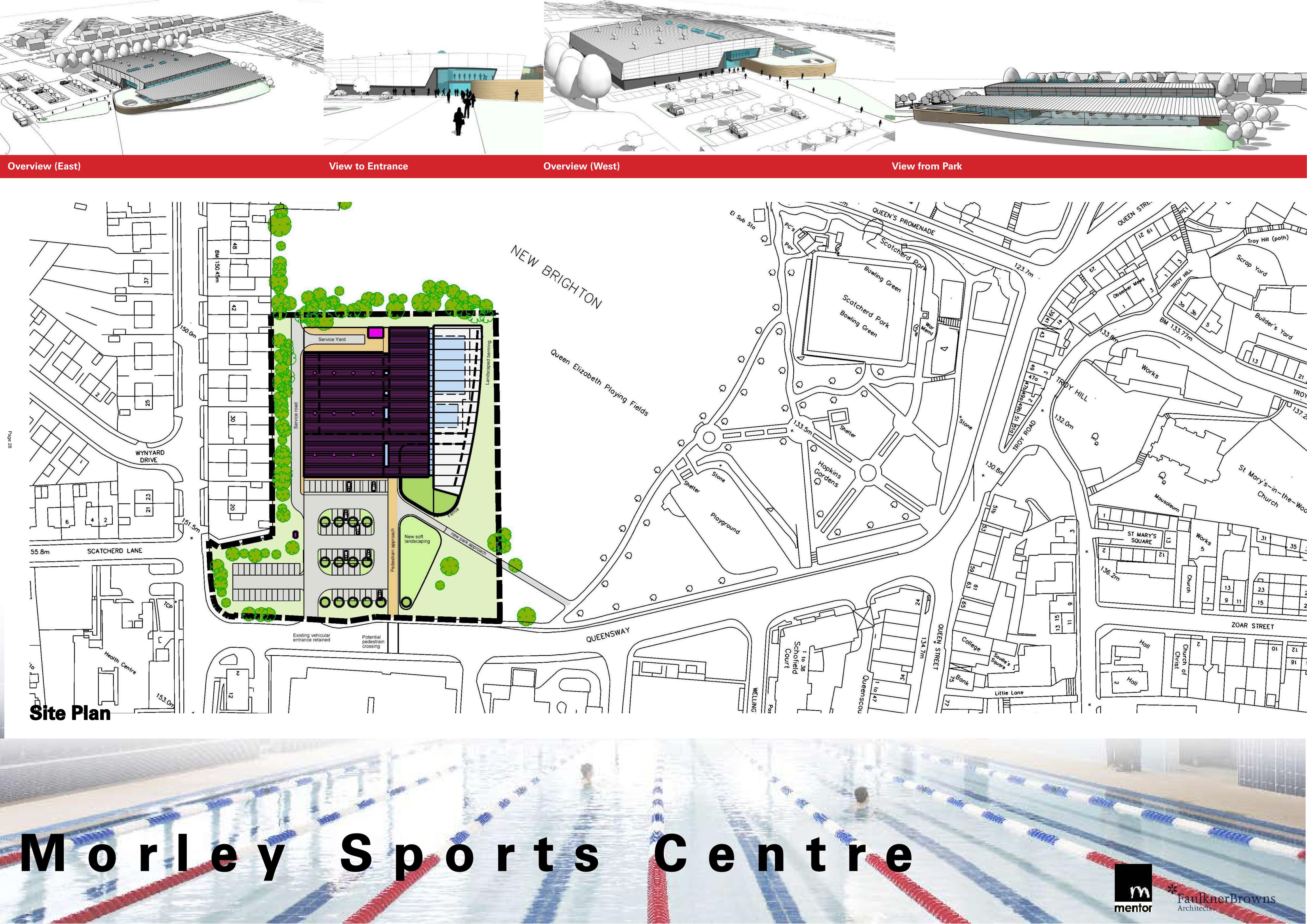


Armley Sports Centre











# Agenda Item 9

Originator: Martin Farrington

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Report of the Chief Recreation Officer

**Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure)** 

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008

Subject: Roundhay Mansion - Progress Update

## **Executive Summary**

This report updates Scrutiny Board on the progress made in the marketing of the Roundhay Mansion. This includes the appointment of Christie & Co, as agents, the formal marketing of the property and the generation of initial interest. Officers will seek to turn this interest into the submission of formal offers in Spring 2008.

## 1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To update Scrutiny Board on the current progress with the letting of the Roundhay Mansion as a Restaurant/Function facility.

## 2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Roundhay Mansion is a Grade II Listed building located on the edge of Roundhay Park. For many years the building was used by Craven and Gilpin as a café/bar/function venue, however, they surrendered their lease in 2003.
- 2.2 Since that time, significant investment has been made in the external fabric of the Mansion and a new the Visitor Centre and Education Centre has also opened. In December 2005, the Council's Executive Board approved an injection of funds into the Capital Programme including £407,250 of Heritage Lottery Funding for the refurbishment of the Roundhay Mansion and the development of the Visitor and Education Centres, at a total cost of £1.9m.

2.3 Following an unsuccessful marketing exercise undertaken in 2006, Executive Board on 17 October 2007 agreed to the remarketing of the opportunity on the basis that the Council will make a contribution towards the cost of the initial capital fit out works. Further to Executive Board's resolution, officers have considered the most appropriate way to remarket the Roundhay Mansion and have concluded that the services of a specialist agent is required who is experienced in leasehold disposals in the restaurant/function market. In particular, it was considered important to appoint an external Agent who specialises in leisure/café/restaurant premises and would be able to target the opportunity at suitable likely operators.

#### 3.0 Main Points

- 3.1 Further to Executive Board's resolution in October 2007, Officers have commenced a procurement exercise to appoint specialist agents. Through this exercise, Christie and Co have been appointed on the basis that they demonstrated a clear understanding of the issues facing the Council in marketing and securing an acceptable tenant for the Mansion and experience and knowledge of the restaurant/function market.
- In terms of the more formal marketing of the property, since their appointment, several meetings and discussions with Christie and Co have taken place with officers from the Council in order to agree an appropriate procedure and timescales for the remarketing of the Mansion.
- 3.3 Christie and Co immediately commenced informal marketing of the property by verbally approaching known contacts in this field and appear to have been having some success already. Christie and Co have also sent out an e-mail or 'eclipse' to all relevant companies and individuals either on their mailing list or who have left their details on their website.
- 3.4 This 'eclipse' comprises of a short description of the property, proposed uses and a summary of the main terms upon which it is being offered. It is designed to generate initial expressions of interest
- This activity has been followed up by a full and detailed brochure supplied to those parties that have shown a serious intention in take their interest further. The marketing brochure has been completed and the property released on Christie and Co's website. The details have been e-mailed to approximately 500 corporate clients and other agents.
- The Mansion has featured in a half page advertisement in the Estates Gazette on 23<sup>rd</sup> February and was listed on caterersearch.com on 18 February. An article, approved by the Council's Press Office, has also appeared in the Yorkshire Post as well as one in the Yorkshire Evening Post.
- 3.7 As a result of the above, further serious interest has been expressed including interest from some high profile names and businesses. Christies are continuing to monitor the interest and report accordingly.
- 3.8 It is expected that within 10 weeks of commencement of marketing, it should be clear as to who the seriously interested parties are and it will then be possible to request initial written offers for the property for consideration.

- 3.9 The offers will then be closely scrutinised and a short-list compiled from which a select number will be invited to submit more detailed proposals for approval. At this point the interested parties will be expected to carry out more detailed enquiries and undertake a due diligence exercise.
- 3.10 In view of the fact that the Council has indicated a willingness to consider making a capital investment itself, it is important that any final bids made are based on an appropriate degree of due diligence to ensure that they are capable of being delivered as submitted and that a preferred bidder does not try to amend their bids once the competition has closed.

## 4.0 Recommendation

4.1 Members of the Scrutiny Board are requested to note the current progress with the marketing of the Roundhay Mansion.

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### Agenda Item 10



Originator: S Courtney

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Report of the Head of Scrutiny Support and Member Development

**Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure)** 

**Date: 10 March 2008** 

**Subject: Major Arts Organisations Grant Aid** 

Electoral Wards Affected:	Specific Implications For:
	Equality and Diversity
	Community Cohesion
	Narrowing the Gap

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 On 26 February 2008, a formal delegated decision notification was issued regarding Major Arts Organisations Grant Aid. The notification detailed the decision as:

The Chief Libraries, Arts & Heritage Officer agreed:

- a) to approve the levels of funding for 2008/09 as tabled at 3.1
- b) that the terms and conditions within the organisations' Funding Agreements should be subject to negotiation regarding the contribution of the organisations to the arts@leeds programme.
- 1.2 The represents a key decision and, on the request of the Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure) Chair, the attached report is presented to Members for consideration.

### 2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 Members are requested to consider the information provided in the attached report and make comments and/or recommendations as appropriate.



Originator: Jon Price

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### Report of the Head of Arts and Events

Libraries, Arts and Heritage Decision Panel

Date: March 2008

**Subject: Major Arts Organisations Grant Aid** 

Electoral Wards Affected:	Specific Implications For:
	Equality and Diversity  Community Cohesion
Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	Narrowing the Gap
Eligible for Call In X	Not Eligible for Call In (Details contained in the report)

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report contains recommendations for grant assistance from the arts@leeds budgetary allocation for the following organisations:

The Grand Theatre and Opera House Leeds International Pianoforte Competition Northern Ballet Theatre Opera North Phoenix Dance Theatre West Yorkshire Playhouse Yorkshire Dance Centre

### 1.0 Purpose Of This Report

**1.1**To seek approval for funding levels and attendant terms and conditions for the major arts organisations as listed above.

### 2.0 Background Information

- **2.1** Members agreed at Strategic Policy Committee in November 1994 that the award of grants to major arts organisations and the monitoring of performance against targets set by the Council should be reserved to the Strategic Policy Committee.
- 2.2 Following advice from District Audit, Funding Agreements between Leeds City Council and the major arts organisations were instituted in 1996-7 and were renewed on an annual basis. Monitoring reports were provided to the Strategic Policy Committee each year from 1996-1999. Following modernisation Executive Board received a full report in similar format in April 2000. From 2001-2007 the report was submitted to the Leisure Services/Learning and Leisure Officer Board.
- 2.3 In line with the final report of the Voluntary Sector Sub-Committee, which was reported to members of the Strategic Policy Committee on 7 December 1998, it was agreed that the organisations considered in this report be included in the Corporate Key List within the current mechanism for grant applications, with Leisure Services (and subsequently the City Development Department) as the lead Department.

### 3.0 Main Issues

**3.1** Summary of applications and recommendations is as follows:

Name	Award 0708	Requested 0809	Recomm- ended 0809	Description
Leeds Grand Theatre and Opera House	£251,280	£214,910	£ 214,910	Receiving theatre providing a home to Opera North and a huge range of notable dance, drama, comedy and music productions - grant reflects prudential borrowing adjustment
Leeds International Pianoforte Competition	£78,030	£100,000	£78,030	Biennial competition of high international standing including year round outreach and recital programme – contingent on submission of full income and expenditure information.
Northern Ballet Theatre	£262,180	£275,000	£262,050	Internationally renowned touring dance company with pioneering learning and access department.
Opera North	£943,250	£1,000,000	£925,060	England's national opera company in the North. Internationally touring but based at LGT with strong education department working in the city – grant reflects prudential borrowing adjustment.
Phoenix Dance Theatre	£85,312	£95,000	£85,310	One of the country's leading contemporary dance companies. Internationally touring with strong education work.
West Yorkshire Playhouse	£853,128	£946,976	£852,710	Internationally renowned repertory theatre with extensive community and education programme.
Yorkshire Dance Centre	£65,000	£70,000	£65,580	National Dance Agency supporting artists and choreographers and engaging local people through workshops and performances.

### 4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

### **4.1** None

### 5.0 Legal And Resource Implications

**5.1** In line with corporate policy, funding levels are at standstill from the previous year's grants and are as approved by corporate guidance for 2008/09.

### 6.0 Conclusions

**6.1** Officers will be required to monitor the grants in line with the Council's terms and conditions of grant aid.

### 7.0 Recommendations

- **7.1** The Chief Libraries, Arts & Heritage Officer is requested to approve levels of funding for 2008/ 2009 as laid out at 3.1.
- **7.2** Agreements for major organizations are to be formalized in line with the other Clients on the arts@leeds key list. The key list period will begin in 2008-9 to coincide with the Arts Council's RFO timescales.
- **7.3** Further, that the terms and conditions within the organisations' Funding Agreement should be subject to negotiation regarding the contribution of the organisations to the arts@leeds programme.



### Agenda Item 12

Originator: S Courtney

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### Report of the Head of Scrutiny Support and Member Development

**Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure)** 

**Date: 10 March 2008** 

**Subject: Work Programme** 

Electoral Wards Affected: All	Specific Implications For:
	Ethnic minorities
	Women
	Disabled people
	Narrowing the Gap

### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Appendix 1 provides Members with a copy of the Board's current Work Programme.
- 1.2 Attached at Appendix 2 is the schedule of key decisions set out in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions for 1 March 2008 to 30 June 2008, which may usefully inform the Board's consideration of its Work Programme.
- 1.3 This is an opportunity for the Board to review and, where appropriate, amend its work programme to reflect any emerging issues.

### 2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 The Board is requested to:
  - (i) Consider the details presented in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2, and determine any necessary amendments to the Work Programme.
  - (ii) Receive and make any changes to the attached Work Programme following any discussions and/or decisions arising from the meeting.
  - (iii) Determine the priority and scope of any additional items identified for inclusion within the Work Programme

# SCRUTINY BOARD (CULTURE AND LEISURE) WORK PROGRAMME (MARCH 2008)

Item	Description	Notes	Type of item
Meeting date – March 2008			
New Leaf Leisure Centres	To receive a project update and an outline of the next steps.	Also needs to reflect on appropriate recommendations from the Board's 'Leisure Centres' inquiry report.	B/ MSR
Roundhay Mansion	To receive a progress update.	Identified on 10/12/07	В
Major Arts Organisations Grant Aid	To consider a report and decision of the Chief Libraries, Arts & Heritage Officer		B/RP
Middleton Park Equestrian Centre	To receive a progress update on developments.	The Board to maintain a watching brief on progress.	В
Meeting date – April 2008			
Sports Trust Update	To receive a report updating the Board on progress and outlining the proposed draft agreement.	Also needs to reflect on appropriate recommendations from B/ DP / the Board's 'Leisure Centres' MSR inquiry report.	B/ DP / MSR
Board's Annual Report	To agree the Board's contribution to the Scrutiny Annual Report		

CCFA / RFS Community call for action / request for scrutiny MSR Monitoring scrutiny recommendations	on / request for scrutiny   F	Mc	PM Performance management
•	ommendations   E	<u></u>	Briefings (Including potential areas for scrutiny)
RP Review of existing policy		SC	Statutory consultation
DP Development of new policy	,	S	Cl Call in

# SCRUTINY BOARD (CULTURE AND LEISURE) WORK PROGRAMME (MARCH 2008)

	Unscheduled Items		
Wharfemeadows Scrutiny Inquiry	To receive the Executive Board's response to the Board's report and recommendations.	Subject to Executive Board's further consideration and response	MSR
Recommendation Tracking		Details to be confirmed	MSR/ PM
Parks and Green Space Strategy	To receive and consider the draft strategy.	Identified on 10/12/07. Timescales for the development of the strategy are likely to extend beyond the current municipal year.	DP

Key:			
CCFA / RFS	CCFA / RFS   Community call for action / request for scrutiny	PM	Performance management
MSR	Monitoring scrutiny recommendations	В	Briefings (Including potential areas for scrutiny)
RP	Review of existing policy	SC	Statutory consultation
DP	Development of new policy	S	Cl   Call in

# SCRUTINY BOARD (CULTURE AND LEISURE) WORK PROGRAMME (MARCH 2008)

	M	Working Groups	
Working group	Membership	Progress update	Dates of meetings
		The Board received and considered evidence from a range of witnesses, including WAG, a number of Council Departments and a representative from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).	
Wharfemeadows Inquiry	All Board Members	The Board also considered a written statement from Otley Town Council. Arrangements are in place for the Chair to have a face-to-face discussion with the Chair of Otley Town Council to discuss any specific issues in more detail.	15 August 22 August 29 August 1October 19 December
		Consideration of the initial draft report scheduled for 19/12/07.	
		Final report agreed on 14 January 2008 and due to be presented to the Executive Board on 8 February 2008.	
		Executive Board response to be considered by the Board at a future meeting	

Key:			
CCFA / RFS	CCFA / RFS   Community call for action / request for scrutiny	PM	Performance management
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### LEEDS CITY COUNCIL

### **FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS**

For the period 1 March 2008 to 30 June 2008

Lead Officer (To whom representations should be made)	Director of City Development	Director of City Development	Director of City Development	Director of Resources
Documents to be Considered by Decision Maker	Report to Director of City Services	LTP Settlement 2008/09	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	E Services Business case, Delegated Decision notification
Proposed Consultation		Ward members will be consulted at the appropriate time prior to construction	Executive Board Member	
Expected Date of Decision	3/3/08	3/3/08	3/3/08	3/3/08
Decision Maker	Director of City Development	Director of City Development	Chief Officer Libraries, Arts and Heritage (Portfolio:Leisure)	Director of Resources
Key Decisions	Highway Maintenance To approve the Local Transport Plan: Highway Maintenance Programme 2008/2009.	Bridge Capital Maintenance 2008/09 Approval of programme of design and implementation of strengthening and maintenance schemes and authority to incur expenditure	Major Arts Grants Agreement of funding 2008/09	E Services delivery Development of the Council website to increase accessibility of Council Services

	Key Decisions	Decision Maker	Expected Date of Decision	Proposed Consultation	Documents to be Considered by Decision Maker	Lead Officer (To whom representations should be made)
Page 46	Town and District Centres Parking Strategy and Priorities To note the contents and recommendations of the Town and District Centres Parking Strategy and Priorities Study, and to approve recommendations for the development of local parking strategies for the centres identified in the report.	Executive Board (Portfolio: Development and Regeneration)	12/3/08	No specific consultation is associated with the report. The development of strategies for the centres recommended in the report will be progressed subject to approval by Elected Members to the detailed consultation stage.	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of City Development
1	Fountain Primary School Approval to carry out capital works and to incur expenditure in respect of the scheme to provide additional accommodation and to carry out internal alterations at Fountain Primary School.	Executive Board (Portfolio: Children's Services)	12/3/08		The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of Children's Services

Key Decisions	Decision Maker	Expected Date of Decision	Proposed Consultation	Documents to be Considered by Decision Maker	Lead Officer (To whom representations should be made)
Roundhay Road Relocation Project Use of the capital receipt from the sale of site to support relocation of the 25 teams into more suitable accommodation plus approval to identified relocation proposals with cost estimates.	Executive Board (Portfolio:Adult Health and Social Care)	12/3/08	Executive Members, Asset Management Group , Staff, Managers and Service Users of affected services.	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of Adult Social Services
Quarry Hill, Leeds 9 B To consider options relating to the sale of Quarry Hill following the receipt of a substantial unsolicited unconditional offer.	Executive Board (Portfolio:Developm ent and Regeneration)	12/3/08	Members of the Council	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of City Development
ICT "Applications Infrastructure" (software) Approval of purchase and deployment of ICT "Applications Infrastructure" (software) components and services as required.	Executive Board (Portfolio: Central and Corporate)	12/3/08	Directors / Chief Officers and Lead Members	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of Resources

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Joint Services Centre Approval to proceed to Lift stage 2 for Joint Service Centres at Chapeltown and Harehills	Executive Board (Portfolio:Neighbour hoods and Housing)	12/3/08		The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods
RHB funded clearance sites and their inclusion in the Strategic Affordable Housing Approval of proposal to incorporate the RHB funded clearance sites into the pool of Council owned land, currently 77 acres, which has been set aside for the development of affordable housing via the Strategic Affordable Housing Partnership.	Executive Board (Portfolio:Neighbour hoods & Housing)	12/3/08		The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods
Under occupation in Council Housing Policy decision for legal powers	Executive Board (Portfolio:Neighbour hoods and Housing)	12/3/08	ALMO officers and Leeds Tenant Federation.	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

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O L	Stage 1 application for a Parks for People Heritage Lottery Funding for Middleton Park  1. Approval to submit a Stage 1 application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, with support from Wade's Charity, to restore Middleton Park.  2. Approval of the leases of 218 and 220 Middleton Town Street to Wade's Charity to facilitate the sale and subsequent use as match funding for the restoration project at Middleton Park.	Executive Board (Portfolio: Leisure)	12/3/08	Ward Members, Wade's Charity, Friends of Middleton Park and young people.	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of City Development

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New Leaf Leisure Centres - Design and Cost Report and Third Party Funding notification Approval of an injection into the Capital programme and authority to spend in respect of off site highway works at Morley and Armley leisure centres. Notification of the securing of third party funding to part offset the highway costs.	Executive Board (Portfolio: Development and Regeneration)	16/4/08	Ward Members, Leisure Centre users, Executive Member for Learning and Leisure	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of City Development
Pudsey Bus Station Redevelopment Approval to construct the highway works associated with the redevelopment of Pudsey Bus Station	Executive Board (Portfolio: Development and Regeneration)	16/4/08	As this is a joint LCC/Metro scheme, joint consultation is ongoing	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of City Development
Abbey Mills and St Ann's Mills, Kirkstall, Leeds To consider the offers for St Anns' Mills.	Executive Board (Portfolio: Development and Regeneration)	16/4/08	Ward Members	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of City Development

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Proposed Leeds Arena Development, Selection of Preferred Operator To seek approval to the selection of the preferred operator for an Arena in Leeds	Executive Board (Portfolio: Development and Regeneration)	16/4/08	Yorkshire Forward, Arena Project Board	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of City Development
Children's Centre Programme Approve the localities affected by final phase of CC Programme	Executive Board (Portfolio : Children's Services)	16/4/08	Education Leeds, Children's Services, Providers and Stakeholders city wide. First consultation undertaken in 2006.	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of Children's Services
Care of Looked after Children - Independent Fostering Agencies Award of a framework contract to various Independent Fostering Agencies	Chief Officer - Children and Young People's Care	17/4/08	Full tender exercise involving looked after young people	Panel Report	Director of Children's Services

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Supply of Coated Materials and Ready Mixed Concrete 2008-2012 Acceptance of Tenders in Accordance with Contract Procedure 22 To approve the acceptance of tenders for the supply of coated materials and ready mixed concrete 2008-2012.	Director of City Development	28/4/08	None	Report and tender documents	Director of City Development
Otley - Heavy Goods Vehicle Traffic To seek approval for proposals for HGV Management in the Otley area.	Executive Board (Portfolio: Development and Regeneration)	14/5/08	Ward Members, Neighbouring Local Authorities	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of City Development

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New Leaf Leisure Centres - Approval of Final Business Case, Affordability and off site Capital Works Approval to submit the final business case to the Department of Culture Media and Sport for approval. Approval to an injection into the Capital programme and authority to spend in respect of off site highway works at Morley and Armley leisure centres and a multi use games area at Armley. Notification of the securing of third party funding to part off set the highway costs.	Executive Board (Portfolio:Leisure)	14/5/08	Ward members, Leisure centre users, Executive Member for Learning and Leisure.	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of City Development

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Leeds Children and Young Peoples Plan Review 2008/09 To approve the Annual review of the Children and Young People's Plan for Leeds	Executive Board (Portfolio:Children's Services)	14/5/08	A wide range of consultation with stakeholders through an open forum event, meetings with specific groups, input from localities and through the children's trust arrangements and an online consultation form.	The report to be issued to the decision maker with the agenda for the meeting	Director of Children's Services

### NOTES

Key decisions are those executive decisions:

- which result in the authority incurring expenditure or making savings over £500,000 per annum, or
- are likely to have a significant effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards

<b>Executive Board Portfolios</b>	Executive Member
Central and Corporate	Councillor Richard Brett
Development and Regeneration	Councillor Andrew Carter
Environmental Services	Councillor Steve Smith
Neighbourhoods and Housing	Councillor John Leslie Carter
Leisure	Councillor John Procter
Children's Services	Councillor Stewart Golton
Learning	Councillor Richard Harker
Adult Health and Social Care	Councillor Peter Harrand
Leader of the Labour Group	Councillor Keith Wakefield
Leader of the Morley Borough Independent Group	Councillor Robert Finnigan
Advisory Member	Councillor Judith Blake

In cases where Key Decisions to be taken by the Executive Board are not included in the Plan, 5 days notice of the intention to take such decisions will be given by way of the agenda for the Executive Board meeting.

### LEEDS CITY COUNCIL

## **BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK DECISIONS**

Lead Officer		
Documents to be considered by Decision Maker		
Proposed Consultation		
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Decisions		

### NOTES:

The Council's Constitution, in Article 4, defines those plans and strategies which make up the Budget and Policy Framework. Details of the consultation process are published in the Council's Forward Plan as required under the Budget and Policy Framework.

Full Council (a meeting of all Members of Council) are responsible for the adoption of the Budget and Policy Framework.