

REPORT TO: STRATEGY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Date: 01/03/21

TOPIC: TARKA LEISURE CENTRE UPDATE

REPORT BY: CONTRACTS DELIVERY MANAGER

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 An internal audit of the Tarka Leisure Centre project was undertaken in December 2020 & January 2021. One of the audit recommendations was to bring regular progress reports to members at Strategy & Resources Committee meetings.

1.2 This report provides members with a project progress report.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That members note the report.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 To inform members of project progress.

4 REPORT

4.1 Construction of the new leisure centre started back in the summer of 2020 with enabling works and commencing in the last week of July. In the period to date, ground works were undertaken with the piled foundations laid and tested. At the beginning of January, construction of the steel frame commenced and at the time of writing this report, the steel frame of the new centre is nearing completion (photos will be shown at the meeting).

4.2 Despite COVID 19 and the subsequent restrictions and control measures imposed on construction sites, the programme is currently just one week behind schedule. The next notable milestone will be the excavation of the swimming pools.

4.3 Several officers are currently overseeing the construction phase of the project on behalf of the council. Their roles on the project are summarised at Appendix A.

4.4 Parkwood Leisure have overall responsibility for managing the construction phase of the project (under the terms of the Design Build Operate and Maintain

or DBOM) contract. They have direct responsibility for managing the construction contractor (Speller Metcalfe), the architect and sub-contractors.

4.5 NDC has appointed consultants Curry & Brown to fulfil a number of roles during the construction phase, including the roles of Authority Representative & Quantity Surveyor. There is a complex but well-established communication structure for the project, which ensures NDC's payments to Parkwood are only made when construction work has been carried out to a satisfactory and appropriate standard. This is a fixed price contract, but it is important that there are quality assurances in place as the project progresses. A communications flow chart is attached at Appendix B showing the different organisations involved in the project.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The gross valuation to date for construction is £2,455,267.46

5.2 The net valuation is £2,340,026.14 with £115,241.32 held in retention.

6 EQUALITIES ASSESSMENT

6.1 No impact anticipated

7 CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

Article or Appendix and paragraph	Referred or delegated power?
Part 3 Annexe 1(1)(b)	Delegated

8 STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

8.1 This report contains no confidential information or exempt information under the provisions of Schedule 12A of 1972 Act.

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 No background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

10 STATEMENT OF INTERNAL ADVICE

10.1 The author (below) confirms that advice has been taken from all appropriate Councillors and Officers.

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