

# ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## REPORT TO ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE WORKING GROUP ON 4 JULY 2019

### PART A : REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Littlehampton Leisure Centre

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Rachel Alderson – Principal Landscape & Project Officer

**DATE:** June 2019

**EXTN:** 37946

**PORTFOLIO AREA:** Neighbourhood Services

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the current progress of the leisure centre project.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

This is an information paper.

#### 1. BACKGROUND:

##### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

The construction phase for the Littlehampton leisure centre project commenced on site in September 2017 and was completed in line with the project programme.

##### 1.2. CONSTRUCTION WORKS

The contractor Willmott Dixon Construction (WDC) worked with the Council and operator Freedom Leisure to ensure that Littlehampton Wave was complete and ready to open to the public on 29 March 2019. An opening event was held to mark this milestone. The new centre has been positively received by the public and Freedom Leisure has reported 12,000 additional visits in April compared to the same period in 2018.

The availability of car parking has prompted requests for additional spaces; particularly during the first weeks of operation and at peak times. This is being reviewed now that the levels of occupancy have stabilised.

WDC has maintained their presence on site beyond the opening of the building to support and assist the operator while they adapt to the new systems.

##### 1.3 DEMOLITION & REINSTATEMENT

Following the opening of Littlehampton Wave the project moved to its final phase, with the commencement of the demolition of the former centre and reinstatement of the land to public open space. GBM Demolition is undertaking this work for the Council and is currently removing the exterior sections of the building. The main demolition and reinstatement is expected to be complete Summer 2019 with planting to be carried out Autumn 2019.

**1.4 LATEST PROGRESS**

A visual update of progress will be presented at the meeting.

**2. PROPOSAL(S):**

N/A

**3. OPTIONS:**

N/A

**4. CONSULTATION:**

The content of this report is not subject to consultation however Stakeholder Engagement has taken place during the course of the project. Members of the public also had the opportunity to comment on the scheme as part of the planning application process. Non-material amendment applications are not subject to the same consultation process; however, all documents are available to view on the Planning Portal.

Has consultation been undertaken with:	YES	NO
Relevant Town/Parish Council		✓
Relevant District Ward Councillors		✓
Other groups/persons (please specify)		✓
5. ARE THERE ANY IMPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL POLICIES: (Explain in more detail at 6 below)	YES	NO
Financial		✓
Legal		✓
Human Rights/Equality Impact Assessment		✓
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act		✓
Sustainability		✓
Asset Management/Property/Land		✓
Technology		✓
Other (please explain)		✓

**6. IMPLICATIONS:**

N/A

**7. REASON FOR THE DECISION:**

N/A

## **8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

[Leisure and Cultural Strategy 2013 - 28](#)

[Full Council 15 May 2013, Final Resolution, Minute 522, Strategy 1, Stage 2](#)

[Leisure, Tourism & Infrastructure Working Group \(30 June 2014\)](#)

[Cabinet Report \(21 July 2014\) – A New Leisure Centre for Littlehampton](#)

[Detailed Feasibility Study 2015](#)

[Cabinet Report \(16 November 2015\) - Capital Prioritisation Programme](#)

[Cabinet Report \(8 February 2016\) – A New Leisure Centre in Littlehampton](#)

[Environmental Services & Community Development Working Group \(28 June 2016\)](#)

[Environment & Leisure Working Group \(6 September 2016\)](#)

[Cabinet Report \(17 October 2016\) – Littlehampton Leisure Centre Project Update](#)

[Environment & Leisure Working Group \(1 November 2016\)](#)

[Environment & Leisure Working Group \(17 January 2017\)](#)

[Environment & Leisure Working Group \(14 March 2017\)](#)

[Cabinet Report \(10 April 2017\) – Littlehampton Leisure Centre](#)

[Environment & Leisure Working Group \(27 June 2017\)](#)

[Cabinet Report \(17 July 2017\) - Littlehampton Leisure Centre](#)

[Environment & Leisure Working Group \(29 August 2017\)](#)

[Full Council Report \(13 September 2017\) – Littlehampton Leisure Centre](#)

[Environment & Leisure Working Group \(24 October 2017\)](#)

[Environment & Leisure Working Group \(19 November 2017\)](#)

[Environment & Leisure Working Group \(20 February 2018\)](#)

[Environment & Leisure Working Group \(5 June 2018\)](#)

[Environment & Leisure Working Group \(31 July 2018\)](#)

[Environment & Leisure Working Group \(9 October 2018\)](#)

[Environment & Leisure Working Group \(27 November 2018\)](#)

[Environment & Leisure Working Group \(22 January 2019\)](#)