

ITEM 6 – DEPUTATION REQUEST – CAMBERWELL BATHS CAMPAIGN

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Comments of the Strategic Director of Environment

1. Camberwell Leisure Centre has been developed in phases as funding has become available. Broadly speaking, there have hitherto been two main phases:
2. Phase 1 is completed and opened to the public in March 2011. It included the following:
 - Reception upgrade: The reception area and entrance foyer have been renovated to ensure compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act guidelines and in addition the centre has introduced a hearing induction loop and visual impairment amendments. The entrance area features an open access café with servery and seating area.
 - Modification to the pool: A new boom has been built to separate the main and teaching pools and create two properly separate pools. The boom incorporates stepped access which will improve access to the pools for the elderly, young children and disabled users. A new pool-side hoist has been installed to assist people with disabilities to access the pools.
 - Structural and plant upgrades: The pool hall, corridor, windows and roof have been refurbished ensuring the surrounding areas of the pool-side remain energy efficient. Upgrades to the pool plant have been undertaken to ensure the long term future of the baths.
 - Mechanical and electrical upgrades: A new electricity supply with latest energy-saving lighting has been installed to help improve energy efficiency. New air handling and heat recovery units will make using the facility a more pleasurable experience for customers.
 - Changing rooms: Male and female changing rooms will be refurbished to Sport England standards. In addition, a new family changing area and two disabled changing rooms with toilets will be included alongside the pool to encourage greater participation by disabled users and families with young children.
3. Phase 2 is currently on site and due to open in September 2011. It includes the following improvements.
 - Gym: A fully reconfigured, expanded and renovated gym and fitness area.
 - Sports hall: Structural improvements to ensure the ongoing use of the hall.
 - Youth facility: Consisting of social spaces, workshops, training rooms and a music production room.
 - Warwick Hall: A fully refurbished 200 square metre area, including a new sprung floor, air handling system, exposed Victoria roof structure and a new sound system.

4. The total spend on Phases 1 and 2 is approximately £4.7 million
5. If funding becomes available the third phase of refurbishment of the leisure centre can proceed, to make significant improvements to the sports hall and increase its usefulness to players of sport and the community in general. This will be achieved by levelling and replacing the floor (with a proper sprung surface); improving the lighting and air circulation and repairing the roof and skylights as well as redecorating the area in a sympathetic fashion. Although detailed survey and design work has not been undertaken on this phase, initial costings estimate that the programme requires a budget of £1.1 million to accomplish fully.
6. A final stage of works, to improve the public realm around the centre, (Artichoke Place and Harvey Road) has been costed at approximately 0.8 million