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Summary

- 1 This report provides an update on the progress of the PFI Project.

Background

- 2 The contractual documents in relation to the Leisure PFI Project were executed on 30 May 2002. The Scrutiny Committee have received updates on the progress of the project starting with a verbal report on the 12 June 2002 and written reports to the following meetings.

Great Dunmow Leisure Centre

- 3 Pellikaan Construction (Building Contractor) have now completed work on the Artificial Turf Pitch which was handed over to Linteum (Uttlesford) Ltd on 8 January 2003 which was one week earlier than specified in the contract. Leisure Connection (the Operator for the Project) will now manage the facility and it will be available for use by the public and the School.
- 4 The steel frame of the building has now been erected and the roof covering should be completed by the end of January 2003. The pool tank has been concreted and brick and blockwork has commenced for the external and internal walls.
- 5 The access road has been tarmaced together with the car park area.
- 6 The Council's Project Manager is liaising with representatives of Linteum (Uttlesford) Ltd, Pellikaan Construction and the Helena Romanes School with regard to the construction process and any related issues.
- 7 Five capital payments have been made by the Council amounting to £2,294,775 toward construction work at the beginning of September, October and November, December and January in accordance with the contract and following site meetings and confirmation from the Technical Advisor that relevant work had been completed on site.
- 8 The work is one week ahead of the target in relation to the program provided to Members at the 18th September meeting.

Stansted Leisure Centre

- 9 The foundations have been concreted and the steel frame erected.
- 10 The Council's Project Manager is liaising with representatives of Linteum (Uttlesford) Ltd, Pellikaan Construction and the Mountfitchet High School with regard to the construction process and any related issues.
- 11 Three capital payments have been made in relation to the work and are incorporated within the payments referred to under paragraph 7.
- 12 The work is approximately four weeks behind the target in relation to the program provided to the 18 September meeting. This is due to problems experienced in relation to ground conditions. This matter is being closely monitored and it is hoped that the lost time can be regained over the following months.

Lord Butler Fitness and Leisure Centre – Refurbishment

- 13 Work on the refurbishment commenced on 2 December 2002 when Linteum Leisure Ltd took over the operation of the Centre from D C Leisure Ltd.
- 14 Works to the wet changing room floor are complete and it is hoped that the refurbishment will be complete by 18 January.
- 15 Works to create the new fitness suite and dance studio have commenced and both are on schedule to reopen in March.

General Operational Issues

- 16 Following detailed negotiations coordinated by the Council, Officers believe that there was a smooth transfer of operation from D C Leisure Ltd to Leisure Connection Ltd on 2 December 2002. Leisure Connection is now responsible for the operation of the Lord Butler Fitness and Leisure Centre and the Great Dunmow Sports and Fitness Centre.
- 17 A report was presented to the Leisure Board regarding monitoring arrangements being undertaken by officers to ensure that the facilities are provided in accordance with the PFI Leisure Contract.
- 18 The first capital payments in relation to the Lord Butler Fitness and Leisure Centre was made on 15 January 2003 and was incorporated into the payment referred to under paragraph 7.

FOR INFORMATION

Background Papers: PFI Files and Contracts