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Summary

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

Background

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

- The Artificial Turf Pitch at Dunmow is now available for use by the public.
- The steel frame of the building and roof has been completed. The external brickwork and cladding will be complete by the end of March. The first fix of mechanical services has also been completed.
- 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.
- Seven capital payments have been made by the Council amounting to £3,393,400 toward construction in accordance with the contract and following site meetings and confirmation from the Technical Advisor that relevant work had been completed on site.
 - The work is on target in relation to the program provided to Members at the 18th September meeting.

Stansted Leisure Centre

- The steel frame has been erected, the roof covered and external walls and cladding is nearing completion. The internal walls and mechanical and electrical fixings are also being progressed.
- 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 procescaped any related issues.

- Five capital payments have been made in relation to the work and are incorporated within the payments referred to under paragraph 7.
- 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

- 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 the Gym and Dance Studio.
- Works to the dry changing are due to commence during week beginning 17 March 2003.

General Operational Issues

- Leisure Connection have been now responsible for the operation of the Lord Butler Fitness and Leisure Centre and the Great Dunmow Sports and Fitness Centre since 2 December 2002.
- The Council's Leisure PFI Project Manager and the Head of Community and Leisure are working together to ensure that the facilities are monitored by the Council and payments made in compliance with the contractual documentation.
- Three capital payments have been made in relation to the Lord Butler Fitness and Leisure Centre and were incorporated into the payments referred to under paragraph 7.

For Information

Background Papers: PFI Files and Contracts