

Committee: Cabinet **Date:** Tuesday, 9 March 2021
Title: Carver Barracks Running Track - Extension to Longstop Date
Portfolio Holder: Councillor Armstrong, Portfolio Holder for Sports and Leisure
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Summary

1. This report seeks to extend the practical completion date of the running track project from 31 March 2021 to 31 December 2021.

Recommendations

2. That the Longstop date for the project is revised to 31 December 2021

Financial Implications

3. None relating to this extension of date.

Background Papers

4. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

The Carver Barracks running track file and previous committee reports

Impact

Communication/Consultation	Regular discussions with the commanding officer at Carver Barracks
Community Safety	N/A
Equalities	N/A
Health and Safety	N/A
Human Rights/Legal Implications	N/A

Sustainability	N/A
Ward-specific impacts	Debden and Wimbish as the directly impacted Ward however the facility will be available to residents of all Wards in the district
Workforce/Workplace	N/A

Situation

5. In July 2017 Cabinet recommended and Council endorsed that the sum of £500,000 was given as part funding for the delivery of a running track at Carver Barracks.
6. Delegation was given to the lead Councillor, along with the Director of Finance and Corporate Services and the Head of Legal to agree the terms of the grant.
7. The Grant Funding Agreement (GFA) was signed in May 2019 and the £500,000 transferred to the Army at that time. The transfer was a pre-requisite of the project starting, as the military have a requirement to have funding identified and under their control before authorisation for commencement could be given.
8. One of the clauses in the GFA is the 'Longstop Date' which is the latest time by which completion of the project should occur. With the project plan in place the agreed date was set at 31 March 2021.
9. There have been several delays to the commencement of the project including that the Ministry of Defence moved to a new procurement framework, which meant much of the procurement work had to be redone.
10. Work on site is due to start in the next few weeks but will not be complete by 31 March 2021. The current project plan has completion in September 2021. However, to include some contingency this report recommends that the Longstop Date is revised to 31 December 2021.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
The project is not complete by 31 December 2021	1 – work on site is programmed	1-No direct impact on the Council but a new decision on whether or not to further revise the Longstop Date	Fortnightly updates from the Army have been agreed, starting with immediate effect.

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1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.