

CUSTOMERS AND COMMUNITIES O&S PANEL

Culture Sport and Leisure Programme Director's Report

21 November 2011



PLYMOUTH
CITY COUNCIL

CULTURE, SPORT AND LEISURE PROGRAMME

1. Plymouth Life Centre

1.1 Update

- 1.1.1 Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel were invited to a site visit of the building on 25 October where the scale, complexity, quality and flexible nature of the building was clearly explained; hopefully this visit provided for a greater engagement with the building by the panel.
 - 1.1.2 As the attendees to the site visit could see, the internal works on the project area are progressing at a pace with the tiling, changing room and sanitary ware works all nearing completion. The glazed balustrades and specialist lighting in the main pool hall are almost complete. Within the last two weeks, the air permeability test has been successfully completed much to the relief of the entire project team.
 - 1.1.3 November promises to be an exciting month for the project, with the external cladding works due to be completed in around two weeks' time and the start of the final water fill of the main swimming pool scheduled for week commencing Monday 21 November.
 - 1.1.4 The end of the month will see the main swimming pool seating and specialist sprung floors installed in both the main hall and the multi-purpose and dance studios. Work to fit out the dry dive and squash court areas will also get underway.
 - 1.1.5 The project is on programme for Practical Completion on 16 January 2012 and remains within budget.
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2. Leisure Management Contract

2.1 Update

- 2.1.1 Everyone Active is continuing to develop the mobilisation of the Plymouth Life Centre and have bought in a number of new resources to support the contract including a Sales Manager, Manager for Brickfields and Plympton Pool and an Activities Manager.

2.2 Early Mobilisation

- 2.2.1 Both Brickfields and Plympton Pool are operating well.

2.3 Gym Proposals for Brickfields

- 2.3.1 Everyone Active has identified an opportunity to improve the effectiveness (increased attendance) and efficiency (reduced staff costs) of the SHOKK gym within Brickfields Sports Centre. To this end they are undertaking works to relocate the SHOKK gym from its current ground floor location to be adjacent to the main gym on floor one. The proposal includes knocking through both rooms to create a seamless gym and youth gym, where attendance can be driven through continuous staff supervision.
 - 2.3.2 The current SHOKK gym space on the ground floor will be made good in terms of the reinstatement of the current meeting room/studio services; costs associated with the relocation will be met in full by Everyone Active.
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2.4 Sales Office at Mayflower Leisure Centre - update

2.4.1 Everyone Active received the support from the Mayflower Leisure Trust in August 2011 to install an Everyone Active visitor booth in the foyer of the Mayflower Leisure Centre to handle enquiries from clubs, perspective employers and to be the base of a pre-sales operation for the Plymouth Life Centre. This facility is now operational with the following opening hours:

- Monday to Friday 10.00 – 19.00hrs
- Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 16.00hrs

2.5 Christmas Opening

2.5.1 Everyone Active has submitted a request to amend the opening hours for Plympton Swimming Pool and Brickfields Sports Centre and Recreation Ground for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Everyone Active has elected to open on Tuesday 27 of December (Bank Holiday) and Monday 2 January (Bank Holiday) which is above the minimum opening requirements set out in the Contract.

2.5.2 Recommended opening hours for Plympton Swimming Pool and Brickfields Sports Centre and Recreation Ground Christmas 2011 are as follows:

Day and Date	Holiday Status	Proposed Hours
Saturday 24 December 2011	Christmas Eve	09.00hrs – 14.00hrs
Sunday 25 December 2011	Christmas Day (Bank Holiday)	Closed
Monday 26 December 2011	Boxing Day (Bank Holiday)	Closed
Tuesday 27 December 2011	Bank Holiday	09.00hrs – 17.00hrs
Wednesday 28 December 2011	Normal Working Day	Contract compliant
Thursday 29 December 2011	Normal Working Day	Contract compliant
Friday 30 December 2011	Normal Working Day	Contract compliant
Saturday 31 January 2011	New Year's Eve	09.00hrs – 14.00hrs
Sunday 1 January 2012	New Year's Day (Bank Holiday)	Closed
Monday 2 January 2012	Bank Holiday	09.00hrs – 17.00hrs – with extended hours at PARFC to suit match requirements

3 Events Field

3.1 Update

- 3.1.1 The Circus was located on Cottage Field from 24 August to 4 September. This temporary location worked better than an earlier solution insomuch as access and ground conditions were deemed to be far more favourable.
 - 3.1.2 The design and delivery of the new events field forms part of Phase 2 of the Plymouth Life Centre contract and will be shared with the panel once it has been developed.
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4 Skate Park

4.1 Update

- 4.1.1 The Skate Park was opened to the public on 29 October with an official opening on 12 November.
- 4.1.2 Handover of the project was slightly delayed however it was delivered within budget.
- 4.1.3 Feedback from users that has been received to date has been extremely positive.