

# Item 5

## KEY DECISION

## REPORT TO CABINET

27 SEPTEMBER 2007

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

**Portfolio: Leisure and Culture**

### **Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre Refurbishment**

#### **1 SUMMARY**

The 2007/08 Capital investment programme for Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre will see the development of an 800 seat sports arena within the sports hall, the redevelopment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor function/activity suite, the refurbishment of the public bar and the creation of a fully equipped meeting/conference room.

The Borough's fitness suite partner, Competition Line, have invested significantly in the development of a new fitness suite which opened to the public on 4 September.

In an effort to complete areas of the leisure centre not covered by this years planned work programme, Cabinet are asked to increase Newton Aycliffe's capital allocation.

#### **2 RECOMMENDATION**

That a sum of £200,000 be allocated for additional capital works at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre within the 2007/08 financial year.

#### **3 DETAIL**

At its meeting on 15 March 2007 Cabinet agreed a capital allocation of £389,000 to complete amongst other smaller projects the redevelopment/refurbishment works to the Sports Hall and Sycamore Suite. Previously an allocation of monies to refurbish the public bar had been agreed.

Competition Line, the Borough's fitness suite partner has recently completed a redevelopment programme for the fitness suite, female changing rooms and entrance corridor and part refurbishment of the male changing rooms.

As the main circulation areas of the facility are now looking very dated, and some areas including the main staircase have not been modernised for over 30 years it is suggested that a range of work be included in a facility refurbishment programme which will include:

- The modernisation of corridor/circulation areas to all 3 floor levels including decoration, renewal of floor coverings and replacement of lighting.
- A contribution towards the costs of refurbishing the male fitness suite changing rooms.
- Refurbishment of male and female toilets in the public bar.
- Replace fire damaged areas within the male toilets located on the first floor.

- Replace main stairway banister and guards.
- Replace the doors to the passenger and goods lifts on 3 floors.

#### **4 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

As work undertaken by Competition Line to the ground floor corridor leading to the fitness suite has cost them around £30,000, work required to other public circulation areas and toilets is valued at around £200,000.

Provision for this additional capital allocation at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre can be made from the Council's existing capital resources.

#### **5 CONSULTATION**

Feedback from the department's Market Research, Customer Insight Programme reflects how important it is to continue our investment in leisure facilities and maintain a high level of cleanliness in all areas.

Improvements to facilities using modern materials help in being able to present activity/circulation areas in a way which reflects the demand of customers.

#### **6 OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

##### **6.1 Links to Corporate Objectives/Values**

The attractiveness of facilities and the appropriateness of programmes combine together in an effort to encourage more people to become physically active.

The Council's ambition of a Healthy Borough is being delivered in part via the Leisure and Culture agenda within which Newton Aycliffe plays an important part.

##### **6.2 Procurement**

The Council's approved procurement practices will be adhered to in awarding contracts.

##### **6.3 Health & Safety**

All contractual issues will clearly take account of health and safety considerations in project delivery.

##### **6.4 Equality and Diversity**

The use of materials in the work programme will recognise the requirement of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

**No other material considerations have been identified.**

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