

<b>Subject:</b>	Corporate Projects	<b>Status:</b>	For Publication
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<b>Report of:</b>	Chief Executive	<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Leader of the Council
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General Exception <input type="checkbox"/>	Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Community Impact Assessment:</b>	Required: No	Attached:	No
<b>Biodiversity Impact Assessment</b>	Required: No	Attached:	No
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1.	<b>RECOMMENDATION(S)</b>
1.1	That the contents of this report be noted.

## 2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To update Members on the progress of the Council's Corporate Projects.

## 3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:

- **A clean and green Rossendale** – creating a better environment for all.
- **A healthy and successful Rossendale** – supporting vibrant communities and a strong economy.
- **Responsive and value for money local services** – responding to and meeting the different needs of customers and improving the cost effectiveness of services.

## 4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

## 5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

### Valley Centre

5.1 Applications for Planning Permission and Conservation Area Consent were unanimously approved at a special meeting of the Development Control Committee held on the 11th January 2012.

5.2 There were 15 submissions in response to the Demolition tender. Following thorough evaluation Howard Stott Demolition have been appointed as contractor. The indicative start on site is 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and the initial few weeks will be spent reclaiming paving stones and features which will form part of the landscaping scheme.

5.3 It is anticipated that the demolition phase will take 9 weeks and the following landscaping scheme will take a further 12 weeks.

### Vocational Training Centre

5.4 This project is being led by Accrington and Rossendale College. The College have submitted the application for planning consent for the site on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012. The application is currently being validated and will be considered by the Development Control Committee in

March 2012.

- 5.5 The application seeks to use the barn and the attached outbuildings as a motor workshop, classroom and staff room and the land opposite will be used for construction skills. The Annexe buildings will be brought into the scheme in 2013.
- 5.6 Officers are in the process of negotiating the lease with the College which includes the Annexe buildings.

### **Bacup Trail Head Centre**

- 5.7 A business case and options for development are currently being considered which will inform how this development opportunity should be procured.
- 5.8 A report will be developed for consideration at the March Cabinet which will detail the options open to the Council to develop the project over the coming year.

### **Marl Pits**

- 5.9 The scheme will see the expansion of dry sports facilities at Marl Pits including a new 40 station fitness suite, a separate fitness studio, new and improved changing rooms and reception, four outdoor 5-a-side all weather football pitches together with improved car parking facilities.
- 5.10 Recent months have entailed the excavation and relocation of a main line gas supply which originally traversed the footprint of the new building. The supply had not been identified on any previous site plans and so has caused some delay to site mobilisation by the main contractor, Kier Construction Limited.
- 5.11 Associated with the above is the final disconnection and diversion of an electrical supply allowing the main contractor to schedule an onsite date of 30<sup>th</sup> January. The construction programme is scheduled for 39 weeks and so the completion and handover is anticipated for October 2012.

### **COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:**

#### **6. SECTION 151 OFFICER**

- 6.1 Any financial implications arising from the report will be contained within previously identified budget resources.

#### **7. MONITORING OFFICER**

- 7.1 Any legal implications are commented on in the body of the report.

#### **8. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND POLICY (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)**

- 8.1 Any human resource implications will be met from existing resources.

#### **9. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

- 9.1 Each project has various consultees as part of its development.

#### **10. CONCLUSION**

- 10.1 Significant progress continues to be made on delivering the Council key priority projects.

No background papers.