

## Item 6 (b) - White Oak Leisure Centre

The attached report was considered by the Cabinet, and the relevant minute extract is below:

### White Oak Leisure Centre (10 February 2022, Minute 82)

Members considered the report which provided an update on the progress made on the scheme of the White Oak Leisure Centre and additional costs associated with the construction. Works had commenced on site in May 2022 and construction had taken place at a steady pace.

The Strategic Head of Commercial and Property advised that the Council had demonstrated prudent financial and project management discipline on this project and had under originally planned circumstances incurred a total project cost variance of 2.1%. However, unforeseen abnormal site conditions were encountered during ground works, resulting in unexpected costs and delays to the programme. The new leisure centre was now due to achieve practical completion on 11 February 2022. Despite unforeseen circumstances the Council had avoided disruptions and had been able to keep the disruption to leisure services for residents in Swanley to a minimum.

#### Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council that

- a) progress made on the scheme despite difficult market conditions associated with the Covid-19 pandemic and abnormal site conditions encountered and the Council's ability to minimise disruptions to leisure services for the local community, be noted;
- b) due to unforeseen circumstances that additional costs associated with the construction of the scheme had to be incurred, be noted;
- c) an increase to the Capital Programme by up to £2,995,379, be approved, and it be recognised that a significant proportion of the amount was risk assessed contingency and may not materialise.