

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2018

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

COMMUNITY HALL AND SPORTS PAVILION UPDATE

The first draft of the Project Business Plan – which is required not only to ensure that due consideration has been given to the project as a whole, with a particular focus on financing its delivery and sustaining it financially into the future but also to support planning and funding applications in respect of the proposed Community Hall and Sports Pavilion – is very near completion. It is expected that it will be reviewed and amended as considered appropriate by the Project Steering Group within the coming weeks before being presented to Full Council for consideration.

New Romney Football Club, following a meeting in December 2017 with the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk, is currently preparing a Football Development Plan which will feed into the Business Plan and, in particular, support funding applications that are aimed specifically at football provision but which will also further support the relevant planning application. A further meeting with Football Club Representatives has been scheduled to take place later this month to finalise the Football Development Plan in order that it can be reviewed alongside the overall Business Plan.

The Council is approaching a key milestone as it works towards the submission of a planning application and numerous funding applications to ensure delivery of this major community amenity. Following the forthcoming meetings as detailed above, this project will be brought back to the Town Council via an especial meeting in order that all major decisions that will be required to go forward are made by Full Council. This will include approval of the afore-mentioned Business Plan and Planning Submission, appointment of any additional professional consultants that may be required (eg Specialist Planning Consultant) and approval and confirmation of further community engagement and consultation which will be required to take place during the coming months.

Report prepared by the Town Clerk

8th January 2018