



**NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL MEETING 7th OCTOBER 2019
CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT – Proposed Community Hall and Sports Pavilion**

This is a summary of recent progress made in relation to the proposed Community Hall and Sports Pavilion Project.

1, As reported previously, the Planning Application is still in the system and consultation responses are being reviewed.

2. There are still 3 issues outstanding that need to be addressed. In particular, we are still awaiting a response from KCC regarding some Highway amendments to the residential development roadways. Other matters are being dealt with by the relevant consultants but none are insurmountable.

I have liaised with both the Head of Planning and Case Officer who are up to speed with the application.

3. Decision – Given the ongoing delay, it is unlikely that a decision will be made in October. All being well, November will prove fruitful. We are chasing as far as we are able to do so, but some things are outside of our control in relation to third party obligations.

4. I chaired a meeting of the CHSP Project Steering Team. This was attended by the Project Manager and Quantity Surveyor who provided a detailed explanation of the various construction procurement routes available to the Council. Following extensive analysis of the options, it was clear that a Design and Build Contract would mitigate any risks in exceeding the funding envelope – thus providing ongoing certainty. A paper will be presented to Full Council at a future meeting outlining the pros and cons and seeking confirmation from members regarding the construction procurement route to be taken. Legal, planning and grant funding matters were also discussed.

I will now repeat, what I have said in previous reports that this is a long awaited, and much needed new and enhanced facility for the Town that I am honoured to lead and advance. I am pleased to be part of such positive progress being made and hope that this will continue for the benefit of the Town and its residents.

Project costs to date: *At the time of writing*, no further invoices have, to my knowledge been received by the Town Council in respect of the development of this project.

Councillor Patricia Rolfe
Chair of CHSP Project Steering Group
28th September 2019

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Town Clerk's Note: Total consultant / professional fees and costs expended to 12th August 2019 = £173,679.43