



**NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT – JULY 2022**

At a meeting of the Community Hall, Sports Pavilion and Nursery Project Steering Group held on Monday 18th July 2022, the schedule of consultant appointments and associated fees* revised to reflect the new project status as a budget-led project going forward, was reviewed in detail.

Having duly considered the fees identified to take the project from the current point through to completion, it was felt that further information or clarity was required from Synergy regarding some aspects of identified fees:

- Ecology and Planning Consultancy fees – are these appointments still required in light of previous work already undertaken
- Architect fees – are these reflective of any work already undertaken that will not now be required to be repeated? Is it still likely to be more cost effective to proceed with the current architect at the identified cost as opposed to undertaking a further design contest / tender process, noting additional project management fees that would be incurred and the additional project delays that would almost certainly result in further cost increases.

*Schedule circulated to all Councillors

In light of the above, it was the recommendation of the Project Steering Group that the Council defer formal re-confirmation of all Design Team appointments and approval of associated Fees to a future meeting of Full Council to first allow the Project Steering Group to meet remotely with the appointed Synergy Project Management Team to seek further clarity in respect of the aforementioned bullet points (above) in order that fully-informed recommendations could then be presented to Full Council for consideration.

This recommendation was approved by way of formal resolution of the Council and actioned accordingly.

Town Clerk

21st July 2022