NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT – FULL COUNCIL MEETING 12TH OCTOBER 2022

COMMUNITY HALL, SPORTS PAVILION AND NURSERY PROJECT

The Town Council's Project Steering Group met with the appointed Design Team, including Project Manager, Cost Consultant, Engineering Consultant and Architect for an initial 'Project Refresh' meeting following the Town Council's resolution to re-confirm all consultant appointments and approve consultant fees to take the project through to completion in its new, budget-led format. The meeting was very positive and productive and a schedule for regular Design Team meetings and Client meetings is currently being prepared with the aim of ensuring that the project can reach a stage whereby a final re-design can be approved by Full Council and submitted for planning consent by February 2023.

The Project Management Team presented the PSG Members with a 'Bottom Up' project budget illustration that provided a clear picture of what can be achieved in terms of project scale within the approved budget as a starting point for re-design. A formal project cost plan can be prepared once a draft re-design has been produced.

It is important that a good sense of impetus is now maintained in order that the project can go back out to tender within a timeframe that will result in a contract being awarded and construction works commencing on site in line with a tight draft programme of works that aims to result in completion mid 2024.

The Town Council's application for a Public Works Loan is still being processed. Additional information and documentation was provided, on request, to Parish Borrowing on 5th September and further update is currently awaited.

PWLB Loan Application Update: Following a further chasing email, it has now been confirmed that, following review of all information provided, the Town Council's loan application has been passed up to senior level for final review before an approval letter can be issued.

Town Clerk

28th September 2022 (Updated 11th October 2022)