



## **NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL**

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT – FULL COUNCIL MEETING 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

## **COMMUNITY HALL, SPORTS PAVILION AND NURSERY PROJECT**

The revised Community Hall, Sports Pavilion and Nursery Project planning application was duly submitted during the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and the submission has been validated. The planning consultation period has commenced and, to date, no public comments have been received by the District Council, which is very positive. Comment has been received from Sport England, which has raised some points that appear to be contrary to the facts; therefore, a meeting was arranged in order that any points raised could be clarified and corrected as necessary. The meeting was very productive and a written response to identified points raised within Sport England's report has been sent to the SE representative, as requested, in order that points raised can be reviewed and, potentially, amended or withdrawn.

Preparation of the Project Tendering Pack is has now been completed and the Contract Opportunity has now been advertised on the Government 'Contract Finder' Portal during October, with a tendering deadline of early December 2023.

The drainage works associated with the residential development to the rear of the sports field have been completed and the route of the drainage ditches around the perimeter of the sports field have been walked by Members of the Project Steering Group and Football Club Representatives together with the developer and his drainage team to ensure that the end result is as agreed. It was noted that there were two areas of the work that were not deemed to have been completed to an acceptable finish – areas across the rear corner of the field and immediately adjacent the residential fence - and it was agreed that these areas would be seeded in the coming weeks.

The Project Steering Group is currently reviewing the Project Business Plan. Once the review has been completed and the document has been brought up to date to better reflect the project in its current format, it will be presented to Full Council for approval so that it can then be used as a supporting document for any appropriate funding applications that the Council may be able to submit going forward and into the construction phase of the project.

Town Clerk

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023

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