



**NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY HALL, SPORTS PAVILION & NURSERY  
PROJECT**



**New Romney Town Council Commits to  
Community Hall / Sports Pavilion Re-Design**

**Where we are at**

- The Community Hall and Sports Pavilion Project, including nursery building refurbishment, was put out to tender towards the end of 2021
- It became clear that anticipated pre-covid project costs had risen by nearly a million pounds
- Efforts were made in early 2022 to work closely with a preferred contractor to reduce costs
- It was not possible to reduce costs to a level that was affordable without having a negative financial impact on local Council Tax payers
- It was decided that the Community Hall, Sports Pavilion and Nursery project could not be delivered in its current form

**Why we are here**

- No Deal Brexit
- Planning Delays
- Covid Pandemic
- All of the above have created delays and price rises that could not have been anticipated when the Town Council project started 5 years ago in 2017 and even 2 years ago pre-covid

**What we are doing**

- **It has been decided that the project will now be re-designed so that it can be delivered within a fixed budget**
- The project will have to be put out to tender again
- The project may require amended or further planning permissions
- The delivery of the project – which it was hoped would happen by the end of 2022 – will now be delayed to allow for this

**BUT**

- **New Romney Town Council remains committed to delivering a high quality, fit for purpose facility that meets the needs of the Local Community and which the Local Community deserves.**

- **New Romney Town Council has a very healthy budget and is committed to delivering the Community Hall, Sports Pavilion and Nursery Project within this available budget.**

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