

Morden Leisure Centre

Welcome to the second Morden Leisure Centre newsletter, we will produce newsletters as the project progresses; our aim is to keep you as up to date as possible with the development.

PROJECT MANAGER SELECTED

Following a robust procurement exercise which involved us advertising an Invitation to Tender (ITT) on the Councils procurement portal, we have now appointed a project management company to drive forward the leisure centre project.

Our scoring was based on;

- 60% quality
- 25% price
- 5% legal acceptance
- and then 10% at interview stage

Quality was scored across a number of key elements;

- Understanding requirements and adding value (20%)
- Delivery plan (10%)
- Skills and knowledge (25%)
- Sustainability (5%)

As a result of this defined process, we ensured that only companies who had managed similar projects and had Leisure Centre experience were shortlisted.

The assessment team tasked with selecting a suitable project management company were expert industry professionals, and was selected from within our leisure operator GLL, the Council and an independent leisure expert.

Sixty companies registered an interest with nine companies submitting by the deadline and none submitting late. Following evaluation of the bids three companies were shortlisted for interview.

SWEETT (UK) LIMITED

Following the interview process Sweett Group were selected to be project managers. They are based in London and have previously worked with Southwark Council on their leisure sites (including The Castle, their new flagship centre at Elephant and Castle) and Lambeth Council (including the newly opened Streatham Ice and Leisure Centre). Sweett Group also has significant leisure experience across the country, working with leading designers to provide exceptional leisure facilities.

Our day to day contact will be Chris Jones who will be assisted by a whole team of construction project experts at the Sweett Group office.

We are delighted to have Chris and the team on board.

LEGALS APPOINTED

We have appointed Blake Morgan LLP to be our legal advisors. Their lead contact is Penny Rinta-Suksi who is a partner in the Commercial and Procurement team. Penny and her colleagues have worked well with us previously on the current operating contract with GLL. This benefits us greatly as Penny knows us, GLL and the Leisure Management Contract really well.

Welcome to Penny and her team.

MORDEN PARK PLAYING FIELDS COMMUNITY TRUST (MPFFCT)

We are delighted to announce that a Memorandum of Understanding now exists between the Trust and the Council. This sets out the terms and understanding between the Trust and the Council to explore joint development and/or collaboration in bringing forward both our Leisure Centre and the Trust's proposed development of a pavilion and outdoor sports facilities.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

Our activity will now focus on:

- Appointing a Quantity Surveyor. The QS manages all costs relating to the build, from the initial calculations to the final figures. The QS seeks to minimise the costs of a project and enhance value for money, while still achieving the required standards and quality.
- Appointing a team to develop the design. A design is simply a plan. Before constructing a building, an architect needs to draw a plan of the building.
- Producing the technical specification for the new centre.
- The architects will make a model of the building as well as various drawings.
- Employing a main contractor. The building is then built by a construction company which follows the directions of the plans made by the architect.
- Cabinet will then agree the final plan prior to applying for planning permission building.