

# Morden Leisure Centre

**This is the third Morden Leisure Centre newsletter. We said we would produce newsletters as the project progresses, and it remains our aim is to keep you as up to date as possible with this exciting development.**

## **QUANTITY SURVEYOR, PRINCIPAL DESIGNER AND DESIGN TEAM SELECTED**

We are pleased to announce the appointments of the team of specialists who will be taking us through to the next stages of the new Morden Leisure Centre.

- Quantity Surveyor (QS) and Principal Designer (PD) services have now been secured via the NHS SBS Framework mini-competition. Gardiner and Theobald have been appointed as QS and their lead representative has a significant background in leisure projects. Sweett Group were appointed as PD and will ensure that the designs are safe to build, and can be operated and maintained by the user during the life of the project.
- For the team of specialists to design and locate the centre in the park setting, we have used the SCAPE Framework (managed by consultants Faithful+Gould). A separate mini-competition was undertaken for the design services below. A tender report, detailing the approach, scoring methodology, and results of the tender process was produced following final approval via the Key Decision governance procedure, we can report that the consultants shortly to begin design activities are:
  - **Architecture** – GT Architects
  - **Services** – BDP Environmental
  - **Structural** – Curtins
  - **Acoustics** – BDP Acoustics
  - **Transport and planning** – DHA Consultants
  - **Fire Engineering** – Cundall

## **FAMILY FRIENDLY**

The scope of this project has now been extended to define what Merton expects in order for the new centre to be family friendly and this has been shared with the specialists on our project team and our operators Greenwich Leisure Ltd.

Merton expects it to:

- Provide sports, leisure, physical, health and wellbeing for local people and clubs
- Provide in one place, at the same time, a range of activities that a whole family could take part in, either together or independently of one another.
- Be affordable to build, operate, and use
- Incorporate safe design
- Be easy to access, both physically, and in terms of booking/reservation of activities
- Have an easily understood customer journey and flow
- Flexible environments to be developed that could, for example, serve as a clubroom or crèche.

## PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

We have now entered a really exciting phase of the project as the design and technical team are in place and the design of the new leisure centre will start to be developed.

All designs will have to take into consideration the available budget and the community consultations which took place last year. This was done to establish a priority order for what we include in the building so to remind you, the list in priority order is:

- Sport England's Affordable Leisure Centres model 4 as the basis for the new centre
- Café
- Diving facilities, possibly by incorporating a moveable floor
- 25m main pool with 2 extra lanes, if possible
- Learner pool
- Sports hall

All of the above will be subject to cost, but we will be working closely with our team to ensure we include as many facilities as possible.

The project team will soon have something to share and they will be meeting with stakeholders and community groups to discuss their ideas and proposals, local people and the community, but more about this in our next newsletter.