

<b>Subject:</b>	Corporate Projects	<b>Status:</b>	For Publication
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<b>Report of:</b>	Chief Executive	<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Leader of the Council
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<b>Biodiversity Impact Assessment</b>	Required: No	Attached:	No
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1.	<b>RECOMMENDATION(S)</b>
1.1	That the contents of this report be noted.

## 2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To update Members on the progress of the Council's Corporate Projects.

## 3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:

- **A clean and green Rossendale** – creating a better environment for all.
- **A healthy and successful Rossendale** – supporting vibrant communities and a strong economy.
- **Responsive and value for money local services** – responding to and meeting the different needs of customers and improving the cost effectiveness of services.

## 4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

## 5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

### Valley Centre

5.1 Landscaping works to the site are nearing completion and the remaining works completed by mid-September as planned.

5.2 The formal opening of the site will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2012 to coincide with Rawtenstall Annual Fair. This will coincide with the Historia celebration event and incorporate a range of attractions and activities on the site.

### Signage

5.3 The programme for the renewal of signage will be rolled out from October 2012 and is anticipated to be completed by March 2013.

### Vocational Training Centre

5.4 The Open Day for the centre was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> August and included a trade demonstration and bikes on display .The College also had tutors and information & guidance professionals available to discuss career options and the courses available, which included General Construction Operations and Motorcycle Engineering.

- 5.5 The first intake of students will be in September and the College have been impressed by the number of young people showing interest in the courses.

### **Bacup Trail Head Centre**

- 5.6 The draft legal agreement has now been negotiated and will be included in a report to Cabinet in October 2012. It is anticipated that an application for Planning consent will be made towards the end of 2012.

### **Marl Pits**

- 5.7 The construction programme remains on schedule. The Car Park Extension has been completed, New Building/Pitches (completion due 25<sup>th</sup> September) and final Car Park/Handover (due 16<sup>th</sup> October). The construction programme remains on schedule. The first phase to the car park extension was completed in May 2012 and immediately made a positive impact on users of the site and facilities. The new building extension is now watertight. The extension together with the 5-aside and final car park areas due for completion on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012
- 5.8 During the latter half of July/ August the facility was closed to members of the public to allow for refurbishment of the existing change facilities together with necessary work to the mechanical and engineering equipment and infrastructure.
- 5.9 The internal finishes (colours, signage, lockers, Audio Visual equipment, etc) are currently being finalised along with planning for an official opening.

### **Preferred Development Partner**

- 5.10 The formal OJEU process has now been completed. A session for Members has been arranged for the evening of the 12<sup>th</sup> September prior to the formal appointment being ratified at Full Council.

## **COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:**

### **6. SECTION 151 OFFICER**

- 6.1 Any financial implications arising from the report will be contained within identified resources

### **7. MONITORING OFFICER**

- 7.1 Any legal implications are commented on in the body of the report.

### **8. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND POLICY (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)**

- 8.1 Any human resource implications will be met from existing resources.

### **9. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

- 9.1 Each project has various consultees as part of its development.

### **10. CONCLUSION**

- 10.1 Significant progress continues to be made on delivering the Council key priority projects.

No background papers