

The Manor Leisure Centre – FDC – Cabinet Update 07th November 2025.

This is the single largest planned 'investment' ever undertaken in the history of Fenland District Council. The current estimate is £19+ million.

At yesterday's FDC Cabinet meeting, Item 9 on the agenda 'Manor Leisure Centre' Fenland Inspire! Redevelopment Project Update.



You can watch the discussion/debate on FDC's YouTube Channel (link above) and go to **17 minutes into the session**.

A comprehensive update along with comments on the public engagements carried out/feedback was given to the cabinet, by portfolio holder, Cllr Steve Count.

He also thanked the previous portfolio holder for the work they had done.

The recommendations were unanimously carried, that the project move forward to the next stage(s)

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 For Cabinet to note the report and the progress of this important community project.**
- 5.2 That Council notes the significant financial situation that the Council faces and pays close attention to the financial assessment section of this report in 12.1.**
- 5.3 To note and consider that potential cost mitigation measures that could be taken to reduce the overall project costs as identified in section 11.**
- 5.4 To discuss and approve the attached footprint in order that the substantive elements of the footprint remain fixed allowing the project to progress smoothly through RIBA stages 3 and 4 and the planning process.**
- 5.5 To note that the Council is working with Sport England to secure supportive funding that will offset design improvements required by Sport England that have enhanced initial designs.**

RG Note.

Many including myself, are concerned on the increasing costings (some due to a larger building and kitchen facilities) and have yet to see where the bulk of the funding is coming from. Timescale (slippage) is also a bit worrying.

I was very pleased that ALL the committee members were very supportive of this proposed development going forward.