

6. ENGLISH PARK REDEVELOPMENT

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The purpose of this report is to provide the Property and Major Projects Committee with an update on progress with the English Park Redevelopment project.

REPORT PERIOD ENDING 26 APRIL 2002

GENERAL

The contract commenced on 3 September 2001. We are now eight months into the contract.

The bulk of the work over the last period has been in getting the major structural components of the building complete and getting the site works on the pitch development, waterway and car parking complete.

There have been delays in the completion of the tiling inside the building. This has been due to delays in the supply of the imported tiles. These delays relate only to the floor tiling. This in turn delays the final fitout of toilet pans etc. The delay in delivery has been outside the control of the contractor. It will have no impact on the overall project completion date.

The remainder of the finishing works have not been affected.

The following points on progress are worth noting:

Pavilion

- Completion of internal finishings
- Completion of painting
- Completion of floor coverings (excluding tiles)
- Completion of fitting of services
- Completion of wall and ceiling linings

Siteworks

- Placement of soil to the pitch is complete
- The irrigation system has been commissioned and sowing of grass is now under way
- Creekbed alignment is complete
- Pedestrian footbridge construction is complete. Final sealing of pathway will happen in the next week
- Major trees have been planted. Further planting will occur as the planting regime allows
- Cycleway construction and sealing is complete

The café fitout and full card access system continue to be identified as optional extras.

PROGRAMME

The project is still on target for completion on 24 May 2002. There have been issues with the supply of tiles for flooring. This does mean that the final completion of the pavilion will be delayed by one and a half weeks. This does not affect the overall project completion.

The following construction programme has been supplied by the contractor:

Construction started:	3 September 2001
Completion of building works:	18 May 2002
Completion of siteworks:	30 April 2002
Completion of planting/Final Handover	24 May 2002

COST CONTROL

The approved budget is:	\$2,815,400
The forecast total cost is:	\$2,780,209
The total remaining contingency is:	\$35,191

The monthly financial report is attached.

SUMMARY

The contract over the last period has progressed well. This has been when all the finishing trades have been on site. The contractor and Council staff have put in significant effort to keep the project on track. Progress on site over the last period has been as expected with no significant gains made on the programme.

Once again staff have applied careful control on the financial aspect of the project which has meant that the remaining contingency value has stayed at the same level. Although this is a small project, the controls at this stage are significant given the number of trades involved on site. This control will continue through the remainder of the project.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.