

3. QUEEN ELIZABETH II POOLS REDEVELOPMENT - PROGRESS REPORT

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The purpose of this report is to update the Projects and Property Committee on progress with the QEII Pools Redevelopment.

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GENERAL

Construction of the enclosure for the 51 metre pool is progressing well.

The exterior wall to the east side is approximately 80% complete. The mechanical services ducts and fire sprinkler pipework to the east side of the pool hall have been completed including painting. This has enabled a start to be made on relocating the “birdcage” scaffolding (to provide ceiling access) from the east to the west side of the pool hall.

The balance tank and services tunnel walls have been completed and there are only two pours left on the pool tank walls. The pool tank floor slabs are approximately 90% complete.

Construction of the pool concourses has commenced with approximately 20% of the slabs having been poured.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

A report on the retention/options for the hydroslide should be available for the October meeting of the Projects and Property Committee.

APPROVALS REQUIRED

There are no approvals being sought from the meeting.

PROGRAMME

As advised last month, the main contractor is having difficulty with obtaining the white tiles for the bottom of the 51 metre pool. The Italian manufacturer does not have sufficient tiles in stock and needs to manufacture more tiles.

The main contractor has tried to obtain alternative tiles but there is no suitably sized alternative available, without a large amount of cutting being required.

The completion date for the 51 metre pool which was advised to the Committee in the December 1999 tender evaluation/recommendation report was April 2001, but the main contractor had been hoping to complete the pool by 8 December 2000.

The tile manufacturer still has to confirm the shipping details for the tiles but it is now likely that the 51 metre pool will not be completed until late December 2000/early January 2001. There will be no delay to the overall project completion date and the existing 50 metre pool is still available.

COST CONTROL

The approved budget is \$20,707,850.

The forecast total cost is \$19,977,894.

The total remaining contingency is \$729,956.

Note: \$150,000 of the contingency has been “frozen” to cover the cost of resurfacing the dive pool concourse and retention of the existing hydroslide.

A successful, one-day Value Management session was held on 20 July 2000. The session involved the main contractor, project consultants including Vic Davies from Canada, and representatives from the Leisure and Major Projects Co-ordination Units. A number of cost saving options are being further reviewed by the main contractor and consultants.

The financial report is attached.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.