

4. 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.

REPORT PERIOD ENDING 23 JANUARY 2001

GENERAL/PROGRAMME

The new 51-metre pool and enclosure was commissioned and completed on 19 January 2001 as programmed.

The new pool was opened for public use on Monday 22 January 2001 following a function to announce the Canterbury Flames 2001 Coca-Cola Cup netball squad.

The new pool is operating well without any problems.

Temporary screening walls and changing facilities have been constructed. These will allow the new 51-metre pool to operate while work commences on the demolition of the existing 50-metre pool area.

The dive pool has also been closed to allow the existing roof to be replaced. The dive pool, new entry, lift/stairs and new changing facilities will be completed in early August 2001.

The remainder of the project (new leisure pool area, teach pool and mezzanine floor) will be completed in mid-April 2002.

A hydroslide-a-thon was held at the pool on 13 January to mark the end of the old hydroslide. The event proved very popular. Work is now under way on the demolition of the hydroslide. The QEII Manager is currently preparing a report on options for replacement of the hydroslide.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES/APPROVALS REQUIRED

There are no outstanding issues or approvals being sought from this meeting.

COST CONTROL

The approved budget is \$20,723,306.
The forecast total cost is \$20,223,434.
The total remaining contingency is \$499,872.

The monthly financial report is attached.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.