

Overview & Scrutiny Panel

Progress Against the Economy Priorities & Planning

14 July 2025

**For performance from
1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025**

Cabinet Members



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Markets and Wisbech High
Street Projects

Economy

Attract new businesses, jobs and opportunities whilst supporting our existing businesses

Promote and develop our Business Premises at South Fens, The Boathouse and Light Industrial Estates to encourage investment, business development, job creation and skills diversification (Cllr Count)

The Estates team continue to work to promote the investment portfolio and for the 3 months (May, June & July) average occupancy equated to 94.6%. For July this breaks down as follows:

- The Boathouse – 96.2%
- South Fens Business Centre – 72.5%
- South Fens Enterprise Park – 100%
- Manufacturing Factories – 100%

The Boathouse is showing as just below full occupancy however this is a transitional period, and new tenants are already identified and progressing through legal and therefore this should revert to 100% in the coming months

South Fens Business Centre whilst not full has seen a steady increase in occupancy this year with further interest now being shown which is encouraging. The property is shown with availability on the FDC web page, Rightmove and via local agents Eddison's.

The industrial units are consistently at full capacity, and we retain a list of prospective tenants that we can call on should one become vacant.

Promote and enable housing growth, economic growth and regeneration

Enable appropriate growth, development and infrastructure through delivering a proactive and effective Planning service (Cllr Laws)

The Planning Service is now fully staffed across Development Management, Planning Enforcement, and Planning Policy. This sustained period of stability is already delivering measurable benefits, including improved case handling, a more consistent approach to decision-making and greater internal resilience. A key structural change this year was the introduction of a Planning Enforcement Team Leader post, strengthening the management and oversight of enforcement matters.

Although overall application numbers, in 2025, are down compared to previous years, the Service continues to receive a disproportionately high volume of large and complex planning applications. These include major housing developments, commercial schemes and

renewable energy projects. In response, one planning contractor has been retained to support the team. The cost of this additional resource is being met in full by the substantial application fees attached to these schemes and the income for Planning Performance Agreements for the applications.

The Council continues to operate one of the lowest levels of delegation in the country; in 2024, it had the fifth lowest nationally. This results in a high proportion of applications being reported to Planning Committee. While this approach supports transparency and Member engagement, it places pressure on officers to meet statutory determination deadlines and contributes to lengthy committee agendas and an increased number of meetings.

Earlier this year, the Government consulted on a proposed National Scheme of Delegation, which would require all councils to adopt a standardised approach. The proposals represent a significant departure from the Council's current arrangements and would lead to far fewer applications being referred to committee. Fenland District Council submitted a formal response to the consultation, highlighting the implications for local accountability and the efficient operation of the planning system.

The Service continues to invest in service improvement and customer experience. A range of new guidance documents and internal process changes have been introduced to support more effective and consistent decision-making. In parallel, the Council is actively promoting its pre-application advice service to encourage early engagement and the submission of higher quality applications. This is helping to reduce avoidable delays and improve outcomes for applicants, communities and the authority.

The Planning Policy team has continued to progress the evidence base in support of the emerging Local Plan. Key outputs this year have included the publication of the Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment (GTNA) and an updated Five Year Housing Land Supply (5YHLS) position statement. The Council can currently demonstrate a 6.6-year supply of deliverable housing sites, a strong position which provides greater confidence in decision-making and helps resist speculative or inappropriate development.

In addition to plan-making, the Policy team continues to lead the Council's work on Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs). Fenland is currently host authority for four NSIPs, all at different stages of development. These projects demand significant input and coordination, often on tight statutory timetables. Given the size of the authority, the level of resourcing required for this work is disproportionate, but the team continues to deliver this function effectively.

Activity	Outcomes	Performance Against Target
Speed of Determination of Planning applications 2024/25 to 31 July 2025	Major 93.02%	85%
	Minor 88.32%	85%
	Other 95.20%	85%
The national performance requirement is measured over a 24-month rolling monitoring period and in relation to this we are performing as follows: Major 94.52% (against a target of 80%)		

Non-Major 86.81% (against a target of 80%)

Activity	Outcome
Planning Appeals 2024/25 to 31 July 2025	24
No. won by FDC	14
Lost by FDC	10
Awards of cost	3

Activity	Outcomes
Enforcement (201.08.24 to 31 July 2025)	No. of Service Requests – 285 No. of Cases Closed (following investigation / mitigation action) – 206 No. of pending cases – 437
No. of Notice Served:	Enforcement Notices – 2 Section 215 Notices – 6 Breach of Condition Notices – 3 Other notices (S330/PCNs etc) - 86

Activity	Outcomes
5 Year Land Supply	Published – years (passed)
Housing Delivery Test	Published – % (passed)
Annual Monitoring Report	Published
Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment (GTNA)	

Work with the Combined Authority on the development of its new ten-year Local Growth Plan, to link the potential for growth in Fenland to Government priorities and the development of a national industrial strategy and unlock the potential of its key industrial sectors to power the local economy (Cllr Count, Cllr Laws & Cllr Hoy)
Over the last 12 months, the Council has been supporting the development of a new Local Growth Plan for the Combined Authority to submit to Government to help inform future investment pipeline into the area linked with the National Industrial Strategy and the Comprehensive Spending review.

Drive forward the development and delivery of new homes and commercial space by using our surplus property and land assets to deliver sustainable economic and residential growth (Cllr Laws, Cllr Hoy, Cllr Count & Cllr Imafidon)

See the Elms and Nene Waterfront update.

Work with our partners to enable new affordable housing to meet housing needs (Cllr Laws & Cllr Hoy)

Forecast & completion of affordable homes in 2025/26

Wisbech Road, March – 67 Affordable Rent, 25 Shared Ownership

Whittlesey Green – Phase 4. Total 51- 24 Affordable Rent, 27 Shared Ownership

Norwood Road, March – Total 50 – 50 Affordable Rent

Gosmoor Lane, Elm – 8 Affordable Rent, 4 Shared Ownership

March Road, Wimblington – 7 Affordable Rent, 5 Shared Ownership

Total 217 Affordable Homes

Developments with construction start dates in 2025/26

Fairburn Way – 50 Affordable homes (100% affordable rent)

West Street – 70 Affordable homes

Barkers Lane – 130 Affordable homes

Burrowmoor Road – 46 Affordable homes

Hereward Hall – 19 Affordable homes

Princess Avenue – 31 Affordable homes

Queen Street – 21 Affordable homes

Upwell Road – 110 Affordable homes (66 social rent, 45 shared ownership)

Wimblington Road – 48 Affordable homes (all social rent)

Sandy Lane – 100 Affordable homes

Drybread Road – 99* Affordable homes

*This includes both S106 and additionality that is currently at a late stage of negotiation

Total 724 Affordable Homes with expected completions in the next 18-36 months.

Enabling Work

Looking further ahead, there are over 1,000 affordable homes in the early stages of the planning process, many with planning permission. While not all will proceed, this pipeline reflects strong developer and registered provider interest and continued demand in Fenland. This is despite Homes England programme uncertainty and delays in programme clarity post-election that are causing registered providers to pause, or caveat offers.

This strong delivery pipeline is a direct result of the Council's enabling work and proactive and flexible approach to partnership working. Our efforts have and continue to make Fenland an attractive area for investment for the registered providers, ensuring that grant funding is being directed and used effectively to meet the needs of our Fenland residents.

Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund (Cllr Count)

The Economic Growth Service have lead responsibility for delivery of the United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) the key objectives of which include the provision of a source of funding to enable the investment in domestic local priorities and target funding where it is needed most: building pride in place, supporting high quality skills training, supporting pay, employment and productivity growth and increasing life chances.

The UKSPF Invest in Business Grant Scheme was agreed by Cabinet and the Economic Growth Service have successfully delivered the grant scheme which enabled eligible local businesses to benefit from £907k of grant funding monies available.

The UKSPF scheme initially ran for a three year period from 2022/23 – 2024/25. However, an additional one year transition fund for 2025/26 has now been established. In large part due to the excellent performance on the current UKSPF programme, Fenland has secured the highest amount of transition funding for 2025/26 allocated to a single authority. The £279k will support the continuation of the Investment in Business grant programme (£220k) and the continuation of the Anti-Social Behaviour & Firebreak programme (£59k).

The one-year SPF allocated for Fenland projects will be paid by the Department for Levelling Up, Homes and Communities (DLUHC) to the CPCA. In accordance with the Draft Funding Agreement the District Council will claim in arrears the funding for each of the projects from the CPCA.

The Invest in Business Scheme received 130 Expressions of interest with 8 Businesses invited to submit a full application

In addition, the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) will be continued for a further year during 2025/26. The Rural Fund is integrated into the UKSPF which supports productivity and prosperity in places that need it most. For eligible local authorities, the Rural Fund is a rural top-up to UKSPF allocations. It supports activities that specifically address the particular challenges rural areas face. It is complementary to funding used to support rural areas under the UKSPF. The REPF for 2025/26 is £130k

The REPF has received 51 Expressions of interest which are currently being reviewed in relation to shortlisting businesses that will be invited to submit a full application

March Future High Street Fund (Cllr Seaton & Cllr French)

The March Future High Street fund programme is now in its final phase. All public realm improvement work is now completed with construction of the new toilets set to complete early October.

The final physical project of demolishing the old Barclays bank to prepare a development site to be sold, returning a capital receipt to FDC, is set to commence at the end of September subject to planning approval on August 20th. This demolition should take circa nine weeks to complete. The project team are currently aiming for all works in March to be completed before December.

Once the Barclays site is completed, Octavius will leave March and the programme will come to a formal close.

To date the project has run under budget, with the saving being used to complete the public realm work at the southern gateway to the town outside of Iceland.

24 High Street, Wisbech (Cllr Seaton, Cllr Boden, Cllr Hoy & Cllr Tierney)

Practical completion of the building is expected on 29 August. At this point the building will cease to be a construction site under our contractor's control and FDC will take on the

responsibility for the new building.

A celebratory event will take place in September to highlight the significant investment from FDC and partners in this project.

The Properties Team is preparing to let the flats and the commercial property within the building.

The Elms, Chatteris (Cllr Boden, Cllr Count, Cllr Tierney)

A reserved matters planning has been submitted by FFL's Development Management partner Lovell. The scheme is a revision from the approved outline and is now for 54 homes due to the mitigation of surface water flood risk.

The scheme is being processed, and a series of planning documents are being discussed for amendment to enable the RM application to be considered.

Nene Waterfront Development (Cllr Boden, Cllr Count, Cllr Tierney)

A Reserved Matters planning application has been submitted by FECC, the selected partner to deliver a 70 bed all affordable extra care scheme on plot 5.

A series of meetings have been held by FECC, FFL regarding the remaining plots

FFL's intention is to sell all the plots at this site subject to their selected partner/s securing detailed planning approval

Continue to review council land and property assets to ensure they are fit for purpose and optimised to deliver better public services, improve efficiency and release surplus land for residential and commercial development as outlined in our Commercial Investment Strategy (Cllr Boden, Cllr Count, Cllr Tierney & Cllr Imafidon)

Work continues in respect of the final sites identified in the first tranche of disposals with further sales completing recently. This results in overall sales in Tranche 1 of £676,000 with additional receipts from overage clawbacks of £49,090 thus a total return of £725,090 to date.

Work has also begun in relation to the second tranche of sales as approved by members in December. The first stage is to prioritise the sites to identify which can be progressed and also which have the potential to generate the most significant capital receipts for the Council and this strategy will soon be discussed with Cllr Imafidon prior to implementation

Fenland Inspire! (Cllr Seaton and Cllr Count)

Projects Update

A report was tabled at the Cabinet meeting held on 16 June 2026 giving an update on all Fenland Inspire! projects - [Report and appendices A-S.pdf](#)

Wisbech Splash Pad

A report was tabled at the Cabinet meeting held on 24 March 2025:
[Draft Cabinet report - Fenland Inspire.pdf](#)

11-12 High Street, Wisbech

Following cabinets agreement to the initial design, planning and tender phase of this project, a multi-disciplinary team all of whom were involved in the design and delivery of 24 High St, Wisbech have now been engaged and are commencing the final review of the outline designs and preparing for discussions with FDC planners on the most appropriate way forward with the project.

As per Cabinet's direction the project will gain planning consent and identify a preferred contractor and cost before being reported back to cabinet for formal approval to proceed with the delivery of the development

Wisbech Floodlighting for Clarkson Memorial

The work to restore lighting back to the Clarkson Memorial has been broken down into three sections:

1. Power enabling works – This involves extending the UKPN supply cable from an existing lighting asset to a new feeder pillar to be located adjacent to the former wine cellar entrance. These works have been ordered and are programmed to commence on site on 27/08/25 subject to County Council road space being approved.
2. New trenching, ducting and cabling works – Works on the planned cable route has commenced and is awaiting a formal quotation from FDC's streetlight contractor. Once the layout and quote is approved, an application to the County Council for a section 50 licence will be made.
3. Lighting design and formal quotes – lighting designs have been undertaken by four manufactures for the provision of three new LED lights and the designs are currently being analysed by the Engineering Team. The design and products that best suits the lighting requirements will be ordered. Installation will be undertaken by FDC's streetlight contractor.

Part of the project requirement is also to relocate and increase the number of planters, if required, located on the pedestrian island to prevent unauthorised vehicle parking. The existing planters are not owned or maintained by FDC and contact is being made with the local volunteer groups who maintain the planters to understand their access requirements and capacity to adopt some additional planters.

Several attempts have also been made to contact the owners of the wine cellar entrance to ascertain any above ground loading capacity requirements for the underground vaulted cellar. Officers will continue to contact the owners.

Manor Leisure Centre, Whittlesey

Work has commenced on this project since the confirmation to proceed at Cabinet in June 2025. This will be a complex, multi-faceted project that will deliver a substantially new facility in Whittlesey, on one site, with improved community facilities under one roof and a significantly enhanced community space at the Manor Field.

Currently the team is completing RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) Stage 2 of the pre-construction work with the other pre-construction phases RIBA Stages 3 and 4 planned.

The project programme is as follows:

- **RIBA Stage 2 – Concept Design and stakeholder / community / local elected Member engagement;**

This stage is underway with stage completion anticipated in September 2025.

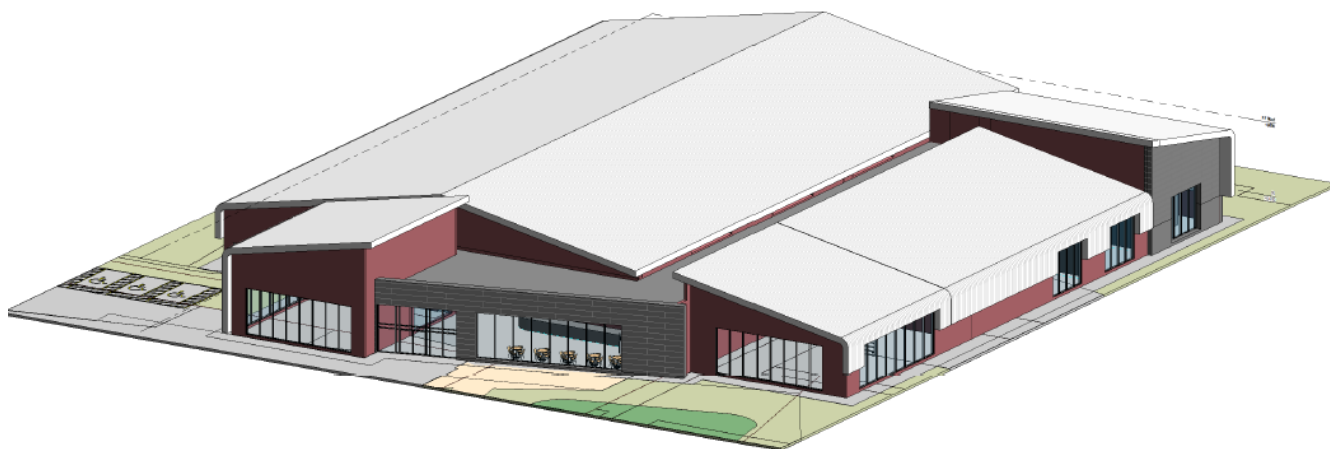
An online community engagement survey is currently under development, alongside seminars for those who have completed the initial survey and would like to take part in engagement sessions online. Finally for the local community, the opportunity to feed into the work will take place at a marketplace session and also with customers within the leisure centre. Additionally, in-person stakeholder meetings will take place in the coming weeks with the user clubs on the Manor site. A session will also be offered to local Elected Members to engage with the process.

Stage Gateway:

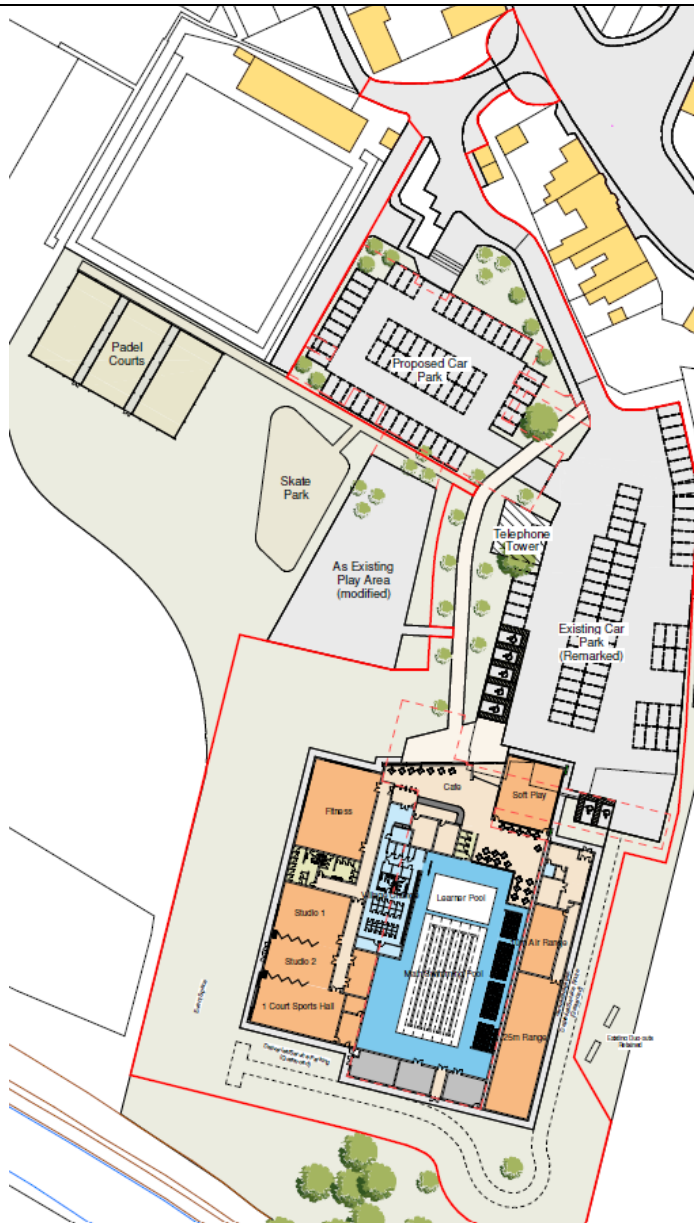
A Portfolio holder discussion of the RIBA 2 completion report will take place in early October 2025

Current Draft Designs and site plan

The current **draft** designs for the site and footprint of the new and refurbished pool facility are as follows. Note that these are DRAFT and are subject to stakeholder, community and local elected Member engagement sessions. Additionally, Sport England is likely to feed into the design with their expertise and utilising their design guidance information. There are several months of further work ahead prior to submitting plans to the Planning Authority as part of a planning application.

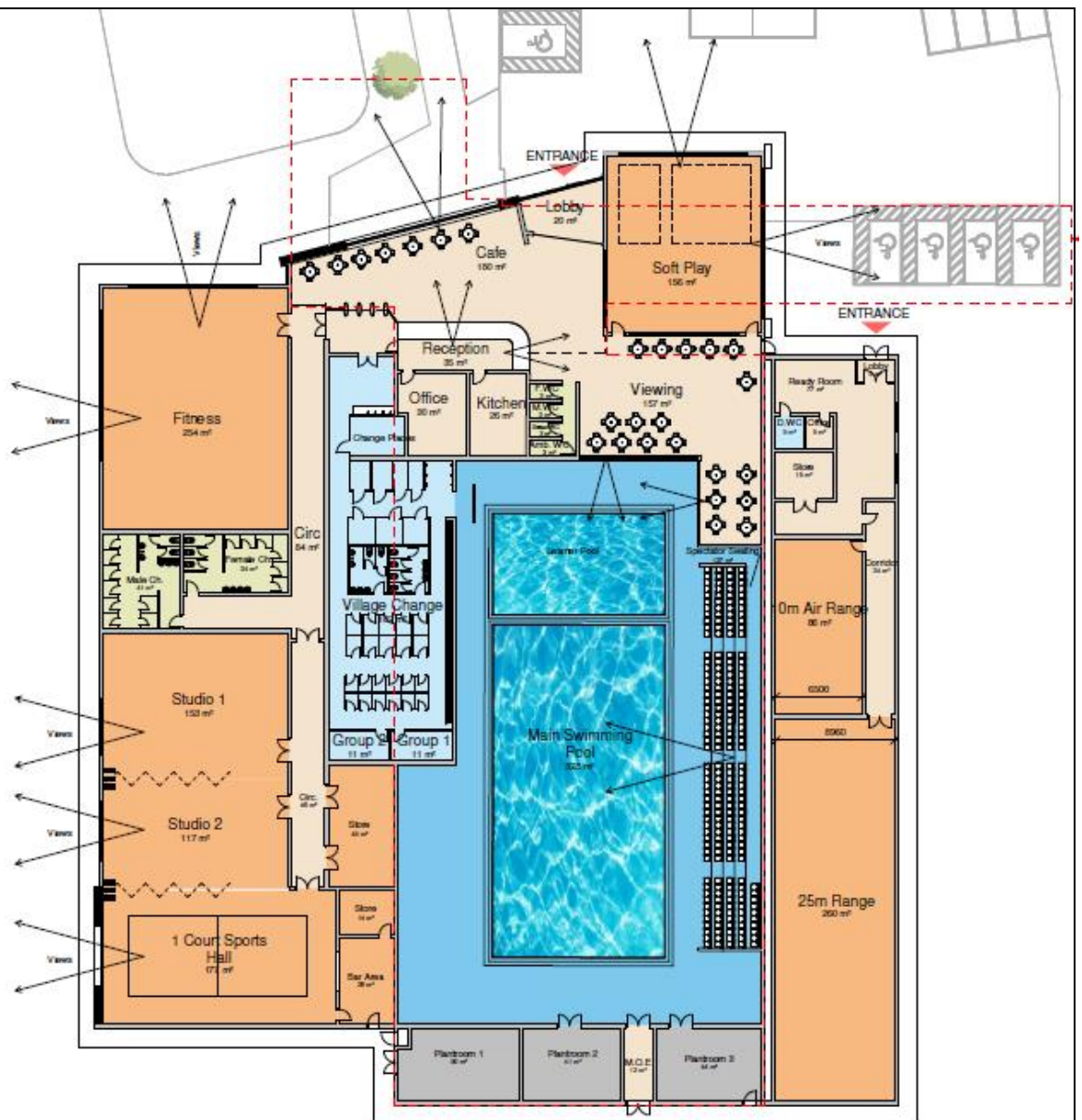


In the above **draft** impression of the external of the building, the front lower roofed area is main reception, with the higher roofed area to the left being soft play. The rifle range is behind soft play and runs alongside the building parallel to the pool. The entire roof of the old swimming pool building has been replaced, with the new flat roofed areas forming a link between the previous building and the new building on the right. The new area consists of an extended gym, 2 exercise studios that have flexible spacing provided by walls that fold away and finally a single badminton court hall – again with a flexible wall joining the other 2 exercise rooms.



The **draft** site plan above highlights how the refurbished and extended swimming pool building sits within the site, the switch of the sports hall site to an extended car park, improvements to the roadway to access the site, the location that the skate park will be moved to and a proposed site for the padel courts. Whilst this is a draft plan, consideration of vehicle traffic flow as well as pedestrian access is under review.

What this draft plan does demonstrate clearly is the opening up of the Manor Field area as you enter the site. The large sports hall will be gone, offering views across the fields, and to the leisure centre. The change to the pool reception, the addition of soft play and the necessary removal of the existing rifle range to run alongside the eastern side of the swimming pool further opens up the field and views of the cricket ground.



The **draft** floor plan above highlights the main aspects of the revised facility. Again, as a draft, some details are missing, as well as some changes to the 1 Court sports hall storage / bar area that are anticipated to include a wellbeing space for older persons activity sessions and a consultation room for use by staff or teams associated with community support from the NHS. The footprint will change in the coming weeks. [For information, MOE indicated in the plant room areas to the foot of the diagram represent Means of Escape / Exit in terms of a fire exit or other emergency requirement for swimmers and those in the viewing area]

As noted several times above – these remain draft drawings and are already subject to change. Elected Member, community and stakeholder club feedback will add further input into the design, alongside Sport England input and Police assessment of the rifle range design. A final step in the design process is the planning application that may also influence design, materials, elevations and the use of materials such as glass.

- **RIBA Stage 3 – Spatial co-ordination and design development** will take place between mid-October and 8 December 2025.

Stage Gateway:

A Portfolio Holder discussion regarding the RIBA 3 completion report will take place by 19 December 2025.

The planning application follows RIBA 3 and runs concurrently with RIBA 4 with an expected timeframe of 5 January 2026 until 9 July 2026.

- **Planning Application**

- Expected submission of planning application in January 2026.
- Target date for securing planning consent late April 2026.
- Discharge of pre-commencement conditions expected by early July 2026.

- **RIBA Stage 4 - Technical Design phase** will run from 3 November 2025 until 10 July 2026.

Stage Gateway:

- A Portfolio Holder discussion regarding the RIBA 4 completion report will take place in June 2026.
- This will then lead to Cabinet report and Full Council report regarding a decision to move into the construction phase of the project.

Project Governance

This programme will complete the pre-construction side of the project. Throughout this process the Portfolio Holder for the project will be closely consulted and involved, with the Leader of the Council, as Portfolio holder for Finance, also kept closely informed of financial matters, with the Gateways indicated to ensure elected Members formally approve each stage of the project once completed.

At the completion of the pre-construction stage, a report will be prepared for Cabinet with a recommendation to Full Council to take the project forwards to construction, subject to affordability.

With regard to construction, the construction programme aims for mobilisation of the main contractor to start in July 2026.

Regarding budget management and the affordability of this significant capital project, each stage of the project has a focus on expected costs. As the Council is working within a procured framework for the project, this means that our construction contractor is already part of the team, so the cost assessment at every stage will be accurate and will also be cross-checked by a quantity surveyor. A further cost assessment could be undertaken should FDC be minded to contract a third-party QS.

This project will not be a case of a long development programme at significant cost to the Council only to find the actual procured cost is different to that envisaged. When we end RIBA Stage 4 the Council will have an actual delivery cost that has been tested for value at that point.

Freedom Leisure

Renewed discussions with Freedom Leisure will commence in October 2025 in order that a revised agreement between FDC and Freedom relating to the Manor Leisure Centre part of our agreement is in place to facilitate an increased level of income to FDC from the new facility in a mature year to offset some of the capital costs. Such an agreement will also take into account compensation to Freedom, where necessary for the loss of use of the pool during the construction phase.

It should be noted that all other aspects of the leisure centre will remain available to the community during construction, with the gym being moved to the sports hall building.

Sport England support

Very early initial discussions regarding design input have begun with Sport England. The project is now within Sport England's significant project pipeline. As the project progresses, it is anticipated that Sport England may ask the Council to submit a grant funding application. Any significant funding is only available by invitation from Sport England, where the governing body feels that the project fits within Sport England's strategic framework – Uniting the Movement - for increasing physical activity levels in the local population.

Other potential funding opportunities

As the national governing body for sport, Sport England is the best likely source for significant funding. However, FDC's project manager will also seek support from smaller potential funders (for instance wind farm funders, landfill tax credit funders, local charities, other national governing bodies for sport such as Swim England.)

The rifle club is already considering additional equipment that would be able to switch to the new facility – with grant funding applications being developed to support the purchase of this equipment.

Chatteris Leisure Centre Condition Survey Work

The work to carry out conditions survey aspects of the facility is under contract at a cost of £44,000 with this work due to complete in the next few weeks.

District Wide Assessment of New Play Equipment

Reports were tabled at the Cabinet meeting held on 21 July 2025:

[Report.pdf](#) (play equipment) and [Fenland Inspire Project North Drive.pdf](#) (North Drive Recreation Ground – options for new play equipment).

Work will commence on these projects once a project officer has been recruited to carry out the streams of work required.

Wisbech Park – Apple Orchard removal project

A report regarding this project will be put to Cabinet in October 2025.

March Country Park

Contact has been made with agents and representatives of the owners of the land which we hope will form the new Country Park. At this time the landowner's representative is awaiting a response and instructions from the board as to how they wish to proceed, and they will revert

to us once received.

New Village Green for Wimblington

Provisional agreement for the transfer of the freehold of this site has been reached with senior members of the Parish Council and formal confirmation is awaited before solicitors are instructed.

The sale will also include restrictions on title limiting the use to that of Public Open Space

Development of five 3G synthetic turf sports pitches

The two PlayZone pitches identified in recent Cabinet reports at Whittlesey Manor and Barton Road, Wisbech both part-funded by FDC and the Football Foundation, are in the development phase with planning application expected to be submitted in September. Subject to planning permission, construction is anticipated to begin in November with the new sites handed to the Council in February 2026.

Further funding for PlayZones across England is being assessed by the Football Foundation's Board in September. If the Football Foundation opens another round of funding, FDC will work together with the Foundation to identify further suitable areas in Fenland, as well as third-party funding, where possible, to support such facilities.

St John's Chapel, Station Road, March

Initial discussions are taking place between estates officers and Town Council members to agree the preferred transfer method and from their terms and conditions can be formulated

Civil Parking Enforcement

A Cabinet report was tabled at the Cabinet meeting held on 21 July 2025:

[Civil Parking Enforcement Update Rev3 Final.pdf](#) and all recommendations were approved. Updated sign and line costs have been requested from Milestone via the County Councils Policy and Regulation Team. The awaited costs are for both the poor signs and lines identified in 2021 survey works and also an estimate of the 2021 fair lining which would now also be categorised as poor.

It is intended that a further Cabinet report will be tabled following receipt of the updated costs.

Promote and lobby for infrastructure improvements

Promote sustainable road, rail and concessionary transport initiatives to improve access to employment and local services (Cllr Christy)

Whittlesea Station

The procurement phase for the design and feasibility work is expected to complete in August 2025. The procurement phase for the Outline Business case is expected to complete in September/October. The Survey work for the station and Station Road relating to the level crossing closures and volumes of traffic completed in July 2025.

By way of background, CPCA approved up to £3 million pounds for Whittlesea Station from April 2024 to end of March 2027. Further details about the Whittlesea Station funding are available here [Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](https://cmis.uk.com/Document.ashx)

Engage with the Combined Authority and Cambridgeshire County Council on the feasibility and delivery of road and rail infrastructure projects (Cllr Christy)

Whittlesey Relief Road Project SOBC

The Whittlesey Relief Road Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) project is now complete. The final report and appendices were approved at FDC Cabinet in May 2025. Please see the link to the report and the Cabinet meeting minutes below.

[Agenda for Cabinet on Monday, 19th May, 2025, 2.00 pm - Fenland District Council](#)

Officers have been asked to consider options and sources for the additional funding that is needed to take forward the recommendations in the SOBC report forward. This includes opportunities to reduce potential costs of the scheme, further assessment on scheme benefits, a broader network wide assessment using the traffic model and an assessment of how the scheme supports economic growth and planning. Possible funding opportunities are being discussed with CPCA and other partner organisations.

A47

In July 2025, Government announced the funding of rail and road schemes following the spending review. Please see the link below which has the full details of the announcements. There is no new spending for A47 and the Wansford to Sutton Scheme that has been in developed for several years has now been cancelled.

[Green light for over 50 road and rail upgrades supporting over 39,000 new homes and 42,000 jobs - GOV.UK](#)

March Area Transport Study – Main schemes

This is a CPCA funded project being delivered by Cambridgeshire County Council. It includes a range of transport projects across March to address transport issues and to facilitate new housing and employment growth.

The following are currently being progressed following approval by the CPCA to draw down an additional £7million pounds for spend between 2024 and 2026 in July 2024. These schemes are continuing to progress on time and on budget.

- A141 / Twenty Foot Road Signals scheme delivery
- High Street / St Peter's Road Traffic Signal Improvements scheme delivery
- Development of a full business case and detailed design work for Northern Industrial Link Road (NILR)

Work with the Combined Authority to influence how housing and infrastructure funding is used to stimulate housing development and economic growth and improve connectivity in the district (Cllr Christy, Cllr Hoy and Cllr Laws)

The 6 flats at 24 High Street, Wisbech have reached practical completion. This has been achieved with the support of funding from the Combined Authority and will be allocated through a local lettings policy through Homelink.

Key Pls:

Key PI	Description	Baseline	Target 25/26	Cumulative Performance	Variance (RAG)
CELP14	% of major planning applications determined in 13 weeks	91%	85%	100%	
CELP15	% of minor planning applications determined in 8 weeks	85%	85%	95%	
CELP16	% of other planning applications determined in 8 weeks	91%	85%	99.06%	
EGA1	% occupancy of our business estates	94.2%	92%	94.25%	
MS1	% occupancy of Wisbech Yacht Harbour	85%	90%	86%	

Key:	
	Within 5% of target
	5-10% below target
	10% or more below target

Comments

