Councillors approve £1.5 million redevelopment of Longwell Green Leisure Centre

Longwell Green Leisure Centre will undergo a £1.5 million redevelopment enabling it to offer exciting new activities and greater capacity for a growing community.

South Gloucestershire Council Communities Committee, which met on 6 April, approved plans to redevelop the centre, which is managed by Circadian Trust.

Alliance Leisure were appointed as the development partner for South Gloucestershire Council and Circadian Trust and the Longwell Green project will be the second in this partnership.

The redevelopment means the centre will offer improved facilities to its customers and meet increased demand in the local community, which is set to grow due to planned new housing in the area.

Plans for the new and improved facilities include:

- A new fitness studio
- An additional 25 stations in the fitness suite
- New changing rooms
- A new entrance to the building and lobby
- More poolside showers

Ben Beasley, Director of Commercial Development, said: “We are thrilled that the redevelopment of Longwell Green Leisure Centre has been approved by South Gloucestershire Council. This is one of our most popular Active Centres so we welcome the opportunity to expand both the facility and offering for the local community.

“The redevelopment will bring innovative, new leisure experiences. This will improve the sports and leisure provision locally, which is an important part of our charitable strategy. Work is planned to start in 2017.”

This investment follows the current £3.6 million redevelopment of Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre, which began in February this year. Phase one of the scheme is due to finish in the coming weeks and includes conversion of the squash courts into two new, larger dance studios and refurbishment of the female changing rooms.

Phase two will begin next month and will create adventure climbing walls and a three storey soft play in the main hall, extension of the gym and café, refurbishment of the male changing rooms and 130 additional parking spaces.

The refurbishment of Longwell Green Leisure Centre is scheduled to begin once work at Bradley Stoke is completed in 2017.

Councillor Heather Goddard, Chair of the Communities Committee, said: “We are delighted that we have found so many partners in the community who share our desire to see these invaluable facilities preserved for public use. I know that the clubs and others involved can see the potential not only for
continued community use, but the opportunity to grow and develop facilities and sporting chances across South Gloucestershire.

“Last year we were optimistic that the vibrant community clubs in South Gloucestershire would rise to this challenge and now we can be confident they will use these facilities as a springboard for their futures, and for residents to be able to access sporting and recreational opportunities for years to come.”

Working in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council, Circadian Trust’s community strategy and overall shared philosophy is to contribute to the improved health, cultural and social wellbeing of the local community improving quality of life.

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Working in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council, any profit made by the Trust is reinvested to improve facilities, equipment and services for its customers.

About Circadian Trust
- Circadian Trust operates five leisure centre sites and two dual-use sports centres across South Gloucestershire in Bradley Stoke, Downend, Kingswood, Longwell Green, Patchway, Thornbury and Yate and is a company and charity. Working in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council, the community strategy and overall shared philosophy is to contribute to the improved health, cultural and social wellbeing of the local community improving quality of life.
- Circadian Trust is celebrating its tenth anniversary as a trust.
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