



Dover District Leisure Centre



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New Dover District Leisure Centre news

WELCOME to the second edition of our newsletter keeping you up-to-date with the plans to deliver a brand new leisure centre for the district.



On Your Marks!

The exciting news is that it's all system go! Planning consent was granted in August and in September Dover District Council's Cabinet gave approval for the project to start.

Get set, Go!

BAM Construct UK Ltd. ("BAM") is building the new leisure centre. One of the country's leading construction firms, BAM is no stranger to the district having built the impressive £25m expansion of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, including a new sports hall. They are also currently completing an £8m extension and new sports hall at Portal House School in St Margaret's. www.bam.co.uk



Construction Progress

Groundworks are already well advanced on site with stripping of the top soil and preparation for piling works which are due for completion by the end of the year. Work has also started on the car park to accommodate a permanent site office.

Erection of the steel frame is expected to start early in the New Year. Works are also underway to excavate the new swimming pool and the drainage systems. To date, 33% of the total order values for construction of the new leisure centre have been placed with companies in Kent.

You can follow the build on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bam-The-New-Dover-District-Leisure-Centre-297837404052498/ for the latest photos, news and information from the site.





Apprenticeship Opportunities

Two apprentices are already working on site for their NVQ Level 3 Site Technical Apprenticeships. Recruitment is underway for a third apprentice for a document controller at NVQ Level 3 Business Administration.

BAM Construction will be exhibiting at the **Skills4Dover Jobs Fair at Dover Town Hall from 10am-3pm on Thursday, 9 November** with practical help and information for those looking at careers in construction.



New Leisure Centre Operator

Places for People Leisure Management Ltd. ("Places for People") have been awarded a 12 year contract to manage the new Dover Leisure Centre. Places for People manage a portfolio of 116 leisure facilities for local authorities across the country.

Places for People will also take over the management of the existing Dover Leisure Centre from April 2018 which is currently operated under a lease arrangement with Your Leisure Kent Ltd. The existing leisure centre on Townwall Street will remain open until the new centre at Whitfield is completed. www.placesforpeopleleisure.org

Sport England Funding

Sport England has been closely involved with the development of plans for the new Dover Leisure Centre. As well as providing strategic advice on the development of the new facilities, Sport England has also confirmed a £1.5m contribution to the new Dover Leisure Centre from its Strategic Facilities Fund, the largest award in the south east in the current funding round. www.sportengland.org



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