

Green light for £3.6 million redevelopment of Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre

Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre will undergo a £3.6 million re-development enabling it to offer exciting new activities for all ages and meet a growing demand for its use.

South Gloucestershire Council Communities Committee which met on November 4 approved plans that will re-develop the site that will enable the centre to meet increased demand from planned new housing and offer improved facilities.

Plans include:

- A 17-adventure climbing experience
- Enhanced soft play facility and designated party rooms
- A major expansion of the fitness suite from 85 to 106 stations
- Bigger group and multi-purpose exercise studios
- A new 12-station toning suite

The redevelopment will also focus on improving customer experience and sustainability with other changes including:

- 130 additional parking spaces
- Refurbished changing areas
- A café extension

Councillor Heather Goddard, chair of the Communities Committee, said: “The agreed re-development of Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre is very good news for existing and potential new users of the centre customers who will benefit from improved facilities and more choice of activities. It will allow the centre to meet new demand in the future and reflects our commitment to encouraging active lifestyles.

“We are pleased to be able to make these improvements which will expand what the centre offers and ‘grows’ the business, rather than cuts back.

“We recognise there will be some inevitable disruption during the works and the loss of the squash courts in the new design. But we believe that the new-look centre will provide better choices across all age ranges and increase customer use.

“We will be working with the local squash players affected in the coming weeks to help them find alternative sites where they can continue to enjoy their sport.”

Mark Crutchley, Chief Executive of Circadian Trust, said: “We are delighted with the result from tonight’s committee meeting. “As a not-for-profit organisation our core aim is to improve sports and leisure provision across South Gloucestershire, whilst creating a fun and inspiring, active environment for all ages.

“The redevelopment will bring a wealth of new activities to the area that we believe will increase the numbers of people taking part in physical activity locally.

“We take our responsibilities very seriously and want to enable as many people as possible to benefit from our services.

“Work is planned to start in spring 2016 and we hope the public will join our excitement in anticipating a new look for Bradley Stokes Leisure Centre.”

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Notes to the Editor

- The Circadian Trust operates leisure centres across South Gloucestershire 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 an award-winning trust with IIP Silver status, ISO 14001, ISO 9001 and ISP18001 accreditations. For more info please contact Ben Beasley (ben.beasley@circadiantrust.org)
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Facts and Figures:

To date Circadian Trust has seen:

- 18% increase in customer uptake to 2.5 million customer visits per year since 2010
- Growth in turnover by 7.6% to £11million in the last financial year.
- Since 2006, Circadian has re-invested more than £7million into initiatives including new sports and leisure facilities and technology such as the ‘MyWellness’ cloud-based platform which allows users to track activity at home
- Investing in staff development they have achieved Investors in People Silver status, one of fewer than 600 organisations in the country.
- Investing in quality management systems has also seen them become ISO registered in 3 areas.