

CORPORATE SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL

16th December 2010

UPDATE ON CATMOSE CAMPUS

1. PROGRAMME

- 1.1 The project is reaching its final phase of construction and the building is now being snagged to close areas off for the final clean by the contractor. Attendances from the client side consultants are being made to ensure compliance with the installation and they will continue to monitor this as we near completion.
- 1.2 The contractor has advised that he is seeking Practical Completion on the 10th December 2010 allowing the client fit out phase of the project to commence from Early January 2011.
- 1.3 Orders are now being placed to achieve the desired completion programme with the view that the College and other services will commence on the new site on the 28th Feb 2010.

2. CONTRACT

- 2.1 Under the terms of the contract, we have issued an official Certificate of Non Completion to the contractors and are currently assessing our position before taking any further steps to recover costs due to the delay.
- 2.2 Some variations to the contract will now be carried out during the client fit out phase of the project so that the building can be handed over to us as soon as possible.

3. FINANCE

- 3.1 At present the construction element of the project is within budget, The Furniture budget for the college and community are also within the allocated budget. The IT systems and equipment are exceeding budget due to the increase in cost for the equipment post tender, this has been discussed with the IT supplier and we are rationalising this at present in order to bring this within budget.
- 3.2 There is a predicated overspend on the client direct budget directly associated with the delay in construction, this is being quantified at present and will be taken up with the contractors in future discussions.

4. GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 Negotiations with the College have been underway in the last 4 weeks and good progress has been made on the heads of terms for the leases and joint use agreements. An update report will be presented to Cabinet in January.

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