

Appendix A: Catmose Sports Chronology

- 11/2004 Government announced all local authorities should have capital funding allocated to rebuild at least one secondary school by 2011.
- 2005 Council agreed to plan a new centre for sports and leisure in Oakham to expand the provision of community facilities at the Vale of Catmose College (report 91/05).
- 10/07/2006 Council agreed to accept Building Schools for the Future (BSF) finance to rebuild Catmose College as part of the One School Pathfinder programme.
<https://rutlandcounty.moderngov.co.uk/CeListDocuments.aspx?Committeed=145&MeetingId=703&DF=10%2f07%2f2006&Ver=2>
- 05/09/2006 Cabinet agreed to the establishment of a Project Board to take forward the College Rebuild, combined with new sports facilities and a public art gallery, and a Disabilities Resource Centre.
<https://rutlandcounty.moderngov.co.uk/CeListDocuments.aspx?Committeed=133&MeetingId=464&DF=05%2f09%2f2006&Ver=2>
- 02/07/2007 Council agreed the preferred option for developing a Master Plan for the project now termed "The Big Build".
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15/10/2007 Council agreed the Master Plan for the Big Build. Rutland County Council directly undertook the rebuild of the College, receiving and expending the funding for the project.

<https://rutlandcounty.moderngov.co.uk/CeListDocuments.aspx?Committeed=145&MeetingId=723&DF=15%2f10%2f2007&Ver=2>

01/09/2008 RCC accepted a £500,000 grant from Sport England to assist with funding the construction of the Catmose Sports facilities. The agreement is directly between Rutland County Council and Sport England. The College was not a party to the funding arrangement as this took place prior to academisation, at a time when the Vale of Catmose College was a Foundation Comprehensive School.

02/03/2009 Details of the £29.86m Big Build project approved by Council. Key assumptions for the project were that the Campus would become a multi-functional shared use community space, incorporating learning, arts, sport, culture, disability resources, and that the College would remain a Foundation School.

<https://rutlandcounty.moderngov.co.uk/CeListDocuments.aspx?Committeed=145&MeetingId=743&DF=02%2f03%2f2009&Ver=2>

12/10/2009 Stevenage Leisure Ltd (SLL) appointed to operate the Catmose Sports Centre under a 10-year contract which commenced 1st April 2011, running to 31st March 2021.

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01/04/2011 Catmose College academised, becoming independent of local authority control and focusing on academic and curriculum excellence. Over subsequent years as pressure of numbers on roll have increased, community hub elements of the campus have ceased or relocated off site, with the exception of the sports facilities. The public art gallery was closed in 2011, the Adult Learning suite in 2014, the café in 2015, the Sure Start Children's Centre in 2017, and the Brightways disability provision in 2021.

21/01/2020 Cabinet agreed to extend SLL's contract by one year to 31st March 2022, to allow time to procure a new contract.

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23/03/2020 First Covid Lockdown as part of the pandemic response, including the mandatory closure of sports facilities.

- 15/09/2020 Cabinet agreed financial support for SLL, in common with most local authorities across the country. Details of the potential financial impact of the operator failing were included in the exempt appendix to the report.
- <https://rutlandcounty.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=133&MIId=2263>**
- 12/01/2021 Cabinet agreed to the commissioning of a Leisure Needs Analysis and Options Appraisal to define what leisure provision would be needed for the county in the future. Cabinet also agreed to extend SLL's contract to 31st March 2023 to allow this work to be completed and if necessary a procurement process to be undertaken.
- <https://rutlandcounty.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=133&MIId=2267&Ver=4>**
- 07/10/2021 The Growth, Infrastructure and Resources Scrutiny Committee received a presentation outlining the results of the Leisure Review. Scrutiny's views were sought on the future of the Catmose Sports facility, and whether there should be capital investment in leisure provision.
- <https://rutlandcounty.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=346&MIId=2518&Ver=4>**
- 16/11/2021 Cabinet received the Leisure Needs Analysis and Options Appraisal and Report No. 156/2021 from the Scrutiny Committee, which included recommendations that the pool at Catmose should not be re-opened; and that the dry side operation should be maintained with zero cost to RCC and with public access where possible. Cabinet agreed these recommendations and directed the Strategic Director for Places to explore whether procurement of a dry side nil-cost contract was achievable.
- <https://rutlandcounty.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g2357/Printed%20minutes%2016th-Nov-2021%2010.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=1>**
- 05/04/2022 Cabinet approved a procurement exercise for a Catmose Sports contract to be undertaken with Welland Procurement, on the basis of nil net cost to the Council and the College, with the award of any contract being subject to Cabinet approval.
- <https://rutlandcounty.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=133&MIId=2516>**
- 29/07/2022 Invitation to Tender for the Catmose Sports Contract issued.
- 04/11/2022 Bidding closed.

12/01/2023 Cabinet considered the outcome of the bidding process under which no nil cost tenders had been submitted and decided to terminate the lease with Catmose College and consequently cease public access to the facility.

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14/02/2023 Cabinet rescinded their January decision and authorised an extension of the SLL contract for up to 24 months, and the undertaking of a new procurement exercise which would not discount bids with some financial risk.

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03/11/2023 Bidding process for the second procurement closed; evaluation of tenders undertaken.