

New leisure centre starts to take shape



At the topping-out ceremony are (left to right): Sanjiv Kohli (Borough Council Deputy Chief Executive for Corporate Direction), Councillors Maureen Cook, Jan Kirby, Ozzy O'Shea and Russell Roberts, Peter Kirkham (MD of Places for People Leisure), Cllr Miriam Surtees and Bill Cullen (Borough Council Deputy Chief Executive for Community Direction).

WITH the construction phase of Hinckley's new £15 million leisure centre progressing well, residents can look forward to a state-of-the-art facility when it opens in spring 2016.

It will be managed by Places for People Leisure and will include an eight-lane, 25m main pool with viewing areas as well as a learner pool, both with moveable floors.

Further wet facilities will include a family splash area and sauna and steam rooms.

The dry sports facilities include an eight-court sports hall, large gym, as well as activity studios and a group cycling studio.

In addition there will be a large contemporary café.

The area around the new leisure centre will be landscaped and a grassed play area suitable for school and community use will be created.

Members of the Borough Council's Executive were given a tour of the new centre as part of the topping-out ceremony hosted by

Pellikaan Construction and Places for People Leisure.

Councillor Russell Roberts, the Executive Member responsible for Culture, said: "I would like to congratulate all of the individuals involved in the design and construction process to date.

"We are halfway through the build and the facility is already looking extremely impressive.

"I'm positive that the residents from across our

borough will enjoy and participate in the rich programme of activities in this state-of-the-art facility."

Sanjiv Kohli, Deputy Chief Executive for Corporate Direction, said: "As well as being a fantastic facility for users, the management agreement will provide an annual net income to the council of over £400,000. This will go a long way towards supporting the ever-stretched budgets of the council."



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