

Sheppey Area Committee Meeting

2nd December 2025

Sheerness Revival Project Update

Project 1: Beachfields:

- Construction continues at pace with the steel frame and internal staircase erected. Internal works on all three demises continues and the new spaces are taking shape.
- Landscaping works have commenced with work to install the new footpath and reinstate the sculpture ongoing.
- New glazing at the centre will be installed early next year.
- The project has experienced several unforeseen structural challenges that had to be investigated and rectified as part of the scheduled works. This has resulted in a delay to the programme with completion now expected in Summer 2026.
- There are some changes to leisure provisions with studio classes temporarily relocating to the poolside and the Innerva suite being moved to a temporary location to allow for construction works to progress.
- Final finishes have been agreed with all parties for the individual demises and a succession of meetings will be held to run through the operational practicalities of the building, in preparation for reoccupation.
- Adventure Golf snagging was carried out in November and the course continues to be popular, contributing to increased footfall in the area.

Project 2: Sheppey College:

- The building is now weather tight with windows installed.
- Internal works continue over the coming weeks, with external features such as the blue roof being completed.
- Works to demolish the old registry office located on site are due to begin to allow for external works to start.
- The project is expected to complete in December and will be open to students from January 2026.

Project 3: Masters House:

- All three garages and the kitchenette/welfare unit are nearing completion.
- While the building works uncovered several structural issues, these were assessed with appropriate measures put in place to ensure the structures could withstand the weight of the new roof.
- Full completion is expected mid-December.

Communications and Engagement:

- Students from EKC Sheppey college currently studying construction were given the opportunity to visit the Beachfields site and witness the concrete ground floor slab being poured for the ground floor foundations. They also conducted a walk of the live site and shown a presentation on construction methods being used within the centre.
- Work experience opportunities for brick laying students have been secured. Mock interviews were held to allow for a fair selection process.
- Career progression booklet produced in collaboration with Etec, contractors completing work at the Healthy Living Centre, has been created for students at EKC secondary school.
- Upcoming engagement sessions for Health Suite and Leisure centre users have been coordinated with leisure operators and Etec to allow for a project update to be given.
- Beachfields contractor participated at the recent Employment Forum to showcase various construction opportunities and pathways available to students.
- Further engagements are due to be held with the wider community, including the elderly population, parents, families and young people in line with the leisure activities coming forward at Beachfields.
- Social media activity across a variety of platforms continues to increase with improved public engagement.
- Events planned for new year to celebrate construction completion at both EKC Sheppey College and Masters House.