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GREEN LIGHT FOR NIDDERDALE POOL AND LEISURE CENTRE

Recent problems with the construction of Nidderdale Pool and Leisure Centre have now been resolved and it is expected that its doors will open early in the spring.

The new facilities, which were originally scheduled to open in the summer, have experienced a series of building problems. The main issue was that the pool itself leaked. But construction company, Allenbuild, have now confirmed that the problems with the pool tank have been resolved and that they will finish their work on site by Christmas.

Councillor Pat Jones, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Amenity Services, welcomed this news. She said: “We now have certainty that the building is nearly completed and so we can plan to get the new facilities open. It has been a long time coming but it will be worth it in the end. We intend to open the new pool and leisure centre as soon as is practical after we get handover from the contractor at the end of the year. Although the fixtures and fittings will be going in during January, we have to do some commissioning work to make sure that everything is working properly. We are hoping to be ready to open the doors by the middle of March, However, if it proves possible we would like to open a little earlier than that. I want to thank the people of Nidderdale who have worked tirelessly to lobby and fundraise for this facility for the Dales. In particular, I want to thank them for their understanding of the problems encountered throughout the building process, which no-one could have envisaged.”

The new facilities are an extension to the existing dry provision based at Nidderdale High School and Community College, and include a 20m by 8m swimming pool, 100sqm Fitness Studio with associated reception and changing facilities.

The facility will be running training courses for pool lifeguards, first aid and fitness instruction during the commissioning period. These courses will be run on site and the management team is still looking for local people who may be interested in working at the facility. Further details of employment are available from Oliver Scaife or Gail Riches at the site on (01423) 711442, the training is free thanks to funding made available from the Nidderdale Small Projects' Fund. ENDS

FURTHER INFORMATION: Councillor Pat Jones is available for comment on 01423 872466. Further technical information is available from Oliver Scaife on 01423 711442.