

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.01 This report covers the Legacy Park Ltd (LPL) financial year 1 March 2019 to 29 February 2020. It provides a summary of the activities carried out to facilitate delivery of a tangible legacy from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games through the themes of Sport, Community, Environment and Economic Regeneration.

## 2.0 SPORT

Objective 1: Delivering a legacy by;

- Creating an improved sports infrastructure, building on the existing world-class facilities of the English Institute of Sport Sheffield and iceSheffield
- Providing access for all levels of ability - blending sport, culture and the environment in a way that makes sport an integral part of the community

- 2.01 Around 120 athletes are training at EIS Sheffield in preparation for the Tokyo Olympic Games
- 2.02 LPL has delivered the following outputs that increases sport participation for the local community;
- Introduction of a junior parkrun – free, weekly event for 4-14 year olds also offering volunteering opportunities for all ages (average of over 50 runners and 25 volunteers each week)
- 2.03 In addition LPL has been instrumental in facilitating the following activities;
- Links School Sport Partnership – schools fun runs for Oasis Academy & Phillimore Primary; cycling sessions for Phillimore Primary
  - Accelerate Running Co – weekly training sessions (Couch to 5K, Accelerate Your Speed, Running Past 50); Canal Canter race series (4 races per year); introduction of after school running club with Oasis Academy
  - South Yorkshire Orienteering – Saturday Series and Schools event in October 2019 (approx. 350 participants)
  - Leisure United – supporting pitch enquiries and facilitating events (e.g. Sheffield Rainbow Laces Cup in November 2019, a football match to raise awareness of campaign to say no to homophobia in football).
  - Move More – working with Move More on the launch of Move More Month 2019 (Guinness World Record hopscotch challenge) and delivering events at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park during the month (Move More Monday walks and Blue Loop Walk)
- 2.04 Sheffield Eagles RLFC and Sheffield United Women FC utilised the community stadium in the 2019 season. Attendance ranged from 700 to 2000 for each match within a family atmosphere.

## 3.0 COMMUNITY

Objective 2: Delivering a legacy by;

- Stimulating vital economic regeneration in one of Sheffield's most disadvantaged areas
- Providing local people with significant improvements in health and wellbeing, education, skills and training, job opportunities, social integration and the environment
- Promoting accessibility and inclusion

- 3.01 LPL has forged a range of new links with the local community during the last twelve months including;
- Darnall Wellbeing – working closely to promote Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park to the local communities and community organisations; collaborations have included History & Heritage Walks (Drink Wise, Age Well)
  - Oasis Academy – attending meetings to engage with parents in local community and raise awareness of Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park and events/activities
  - Active member of the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce Health and Wellbeing Forum
- 3.02 Education for 2-16 year olds is being provided at the 1,200 capacity Oasis Academy. Current capacity at September 2019 is approx. 550 students.
- 3.03 GCSE in STEM subjects and new skills in the sports science, life science and data management are being provided at the UTC Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park that has a total capacity of 600 students. Current capacity at September 2019 is approx. 450 students.
- 3.04 The Community Pitch usage is in excess of 70% capacity Monday to Friday 5-10pm (some time slots are in high demand and bookings have to be turned down). Oasis Academy and UTC Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park use the facilities 9-4 during school term.

#### 4.0 ENVIRONMENT

Objective 3: Delivering a legacy by;

- Creating a high quality environment for the neighbouring communities
- Enhancing the amount and quality of green space, promoting sustainable travel and conserving local biodiversity

- 4.01 LPL has worked with the following partners to maintain the high quality environment for people to enjoy throughout the year;
- Sheffield City Council – Following the conclusion of the contract with Sheffield Hallam University for the landscape FM, working with Parks & Countryside team to maintain a safe, high quality environment for all park users (in respect of litter, fly tipping, graffiti and other anti-social behaviour)
  - Volunteer Days – linking with Canal & River Trust and River Stewardship Company to promote volunteer days to maintain the canal and river
  - Accelerate – promoting regular ‘plogging’ sessions (jogging and litter picking) in and around the park
  - Active Travel Plan – connections made with South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive and University of Sheffield Management School to provide support and advice to create an active travel plan for Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park
  - Canal & River Trust – working closely to promote access to the Sheffield & Tinsley Canal; promoting activities along the Canal (e.g. Waterfront Festival, Food Festival, Tinsley Marina Arts & Crafts Day)

#### 5.0 ECONOMIC REGENERATION

Objective 4: Delivering a legacy by;

- Creating jobs for local people during any construction project
- Creating wider employment opportunities and improvements in the education, skills and knowledge of the local labour force

- 5.01 Economic regeneration is critical to form a sound basis within which the remaining legacy themes are delivered. Scarborough International Properties Ltd (SIPL) has been confirmed as the preferred developer and LPL is working with SIPL to facilitate delivery of private sector investments at the Community Stadium (Capital value £8m), remaining investments to the Attercliffe Common Plot (Capital value £20m), Enterprise Centre, Offices, and Transport Hub (Capital value £40m).
- 5.02 Preparing a brief and support to SIPL to develop a wider masterplan from Coleridge Road to Broughton Lane that will create a plot for another research centre, car parking for Arena and office use and circa 150,000 sq ft of mixed use accommodation.
- 5.03 Employment opportunities are being developed as LPL continues to work with the UTC to mentor students and provide opportunities for showcasing their new skills including inviting them to present to Sir Simon Stevens, NHS CEO, on his recent visit to Sheffield Children’s Hospital.
- 5.04 As Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park continues to develop with the opening of the National Centre of Excellence for Food Engineering on an adjacent site, LPL has been supporting existing businesses in the neighbouring areas including potential investment with Woskow Brown and their occupation of the Banners Building on Attercliffe High Street. LPL has also been supporting and promoting local networking events (Attercliffe Business Connection and Showcase Attercliffe) for the local business community and providing introductions to the new opportunities for business to business networking.
- 5.05 LPL is providing ongoing support to Sheffield Children’s Hospital for the 40,000 sq ft Centre for Children’s Health Technology – developing the business plan and obtaining funding options from the public and private sectors for a capital investment of £20m.
- 5.06 Confidential discussions are ongoing with potential investors on four opportunities at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park and Attercliffe
- 5.07 Sheffield Hallam University completed construction of the Advanced Wellbeing Research Centre (AWRC) following Legacy Park Ltd’s successful application for a £14m capital grant in the 2015 budget. The AWRC opened in January 2020 with an announcement of a £1m public sector grant to create a wellbeing accelerator that;
- Develops new concepts and products for this global wellness market.
- Prove ‘what works’ - using the AWRC’s academic expertise and its access to unrivalled networks of research cohorts.
  - Use this knowledge to deliver and evaluate effective products to generate commercial value and wellness benefits to individuals, employers, and global healthcare systems.
- 5.08 The AWRC will be the research hub for the National Centre for Sports and Exercise Medicine (NCSEM) in Sheffield, which aims to transform Sheffield into the most active city in the UK. Part of the work of the NCSEM has been to co-locate clinical services and physical activity facilities in 6 consulting rooms on the third floor to help people with a medical need to exercise more easily. As the research hub for the NCSEM, the AWRC will work with clinicians, patients and health and care commissioners to better design services and identify innovations that can prevent and treat chronic disease.

5.09 At the recent opening of the AWRC, SHU announced GO Fit a new private sector partner. GO Fit, part of the Ingesport group which runs full service health and fitness clubs in Spain and Portugal, has announced it will make the AWRC the European hub of its research and innovation programme. GO Fit joins Canon Medical Systems, Westfield Health, EXOS, Sheffield Children’s Hospital Charity and parkrun as AWRC strategic collaborators.

## 6.0 Governance

6.01 The agreement with the British Olympic Association for use of the licenced word ‘Olympic’ in Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park was signed in March 2019. LPL is the only organisation in the country to have such a licence and a number of criteria are in place to qualify for the licence.

6.02 Andy Anson, British Olympic Association CEO, visited in January 2020 and was given an overview of Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park and a tour of EISS and AWRC. Feedback was that this is the most successful 2012 Olympic legacy project outside London which is clearly delivering on the health and wellbeing agenda. The BOA is fully supportive and the AWRC is following up regarding the ‘I Am Team GB’ programme.

6.03 In July 2019 Sheffield City Council Cabinet Report agreed that LPL would act on behalf of SCC to drive forward the economic regeneration of an extended Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park from Broughton Lane to Woodbourn Road Stadium and Attercliffe Waterside.

6.04 During the last twelve months the number of Company Members has increased and now includes;

- Sheffield City Council
- Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Sheffield Hallam University
- Sheffield Children’s NHS Foundation Trust
- Sheffield City Trust
- South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Integrated Care System
- Yorkshire & Humber Academic Health Science Network

6.05 In April 2019 LPL relocated its offices from the English Institute of Sport Sheffield to the Old Library on Leeds Road opposite the soon to be completed AWRC. This provides a unique opportunity to invite investors to visit the potential investments of new build within Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park whilst at the same time see tangible evidence of the opportunities for refreshing existing buildings for a new lease of life and occupancy.

## 7.0 Raising the profile of Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park and Sheffield City Region

7.01 With the opening of the Advanced Wellbeing Research Centre in January 2020, Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park continues to attract interest from across the world and potential investments with delegations received from China, USA, Finland and Korea.

7.02 LPL, in conjunction with Sheffield Children’s Hospital and IBM, hosted an event at Westminster in October 2019 to showcase Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park and plans for the Centre for Child Health. The event was well attended by MPs, government departments including the NHS and Innovate UK, Lord Kerslake and Sheffield City Region Mayor.