

**Question from Councillor Turmaine**

**Received: 4 July 2019**

- 1 *On what has the additional £1.8 million investment in leisure centre facilities in Watford been spent?*

Building Costs and associated Mechanical and Electrical = £1.2million  
Equipment £600k

***Watford Woodside Leisure Centre:***

**New Toning Suite** –The toning suite caters to a wide range of users making it an important development that engages with a number of the Watford Borough Council’s key user groups. The health and social benefits associated with toning suite activities are extensive and include (but not limited to) social inclusivity, healthier lifestyles, engaging disabled children and young people, reducing health inequalities and improving mental health. By year 4 we will increase toning suite members to 275 and monthly usage to 600.

**Gym Extension** –The Leisure Database latent demand analysis assessed the Watford Woodside as being at 98.89% occupancy. The gym extension enables us to expand our offering and cater for the growing population and demand. As a result of this development we will continue to increase the number of residents getting active and have grown the membership to 4,260 members.

**Studio 1 Relocation** –The studio was relocated The introduction of virtual group cycling enables the space to be utilised by a greater range of members than its current position. We added a mezzanine floor and used unoccupied space creating two studios. One of which is a purpose built spin studio.

**Virtual Group Cycling (*Woodside and Central*)** - To further enhance the activity programme, increase participation at quieter times of the day we introduced les mills virtual.

**Upgraded Changing rooms** with state of the art showers, lockers and brand new tiles.

**Central**

**Gym Extension** –The Leisure Database latent demand analysis assessed Watford Central as having the ability to grow to 2,550 members The small gym extension enabled us to expand our offering and cater for the growing population and demand.

As a result of this development we have hit our membership target of 2,550 for year 2.

**Sauna and Steam Rooms due 2019** – the location of the sauna and steam rooms will enhance the membership package and exceed customer expectations. We believe this will add value to the contract wide membership and further encourage Watford residents to become active. We also believe it will help in delivering the Council's key strategic aim of delivering high quality services.