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Residents to benefit from first class leisure facility

Visitors to the new Moulton Leisure Centre will be able to enjoy a fantastic range of facilities when it is able to open to the public.

The new centre was originally set to open a limited number of facilities back in January, but the introduction of the national lockdown put those plans on hold.

Since then, Daventry District Council (DDC) and its leisure partners Everyone Active have been working hard to make sure the centre's transformation is complete ahead of the anticipated reopening of leisure centres on 12 April.

Facilities set to be opened to the public on that date include the centre's six-lane, 25m swimming pool, and a 60-station gym featuring a wide range of modern fitness equipment.

A diverse range of other facilities, including two therapy pools, multi-activity studio, spin studio and the first health spa in the area – comprising a steam room, sauna and spa pool – will reopen when coronavirus restrictions are expected to be further lifted on 17 May.

Plans for a new leisure centre in the eastern part of Daventry District were identified as the top priority in DDC's 2019 Sports Facilities Investment Strategy. The area is experiencing major population growth and more leisure facilities are needed.

Work to create the Moulton Leisure Centre got underway last year, after DDC bought the Chris Moody sports rehabilitation centre from Moulton College.

The building has been extensively refurbished, and the internal layout altered to create a spacious reception area. A new separate changing area specifically for baby and pre-school swimming has also been built, while the pool boasts a moveable floor, allowing for depths to be changed to suit different users.

The car park at the centre has also been extended, and six electric vehicle charging points have been installed.

Jamie Brightwell, Contract Manager for Everyone Active, said: “Our team at the new Moulton Leisure Centre have been working hard to ensure we’re ready to open as soon as we get the green light. The opening date could still be subject to change, but we’ll continue to keep all customers informed on the timings and all safety measures in place at our centres.

“Ensuring our colleagues and customers remain safe is our priority and we have carefully considered the strict measurements to ensure we adhere to the guidance.

“This fantastic new leisure centre is the perfect modern facility for Moulton’s families and it’s a great next step in our growing partnership with the Council. The centre will offer vital support to the health and wellbeing to people in the east of Daventry District.”

Councillor Alan Hills, Portfolio Holder for Community, Culture and Leisure on DDC, said: “I’m sure local residents will be blown away by their new centre, which will offer a superb range of leisure services that will benefit people in Moulton and the surrounding area for many years to come.

“It has been a long-term ambition of this council to deliver a high-quality leisure facility to meet the needs of communities in the east of our district, so I’m thrilled we have achieved that alongside our partners at Everyone Active. What a wonderful legacy to leave the residents of this area with DDC to be replaced by the new West Northamptonshire Council on 1 April.”

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