

## **QUESTION BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12**

**Council Meeting:**      **Wednesday, 23 July 2025**

**Question from:**      **Tikara Coveyduck**

**Question to:**      **Councillor Courtney, Cabinet Member with  
responsibility for Regeneration and Transport**

### **QUESTION**

The rebuild of North Bridge Leisure Centre has been rumbling on since 2018. We were told construction would begin in the first half of this year, yet even the demolition—promised in the 30 May update—has not started. After seven years of delays and shifting timelines, when will a clear, time-bound construction programme be published and shared with the public? And what consequences, if any, will follow if Tilbury Douglas or the Council fails to meet the next promised deadlines, given the repeated erosion of public confidence in the delivery of this long-overdue project?

### **RESPONSE**

Tilbury Douglas Construction Ltd have been appointed as the council's construction contractor to complete the detailed technical design and costings, providing greater certainty in relation to costs and timescales, and to deliver the approved scheme. The current estimated timescales are as follows:

1. site setup and enabling works will begin during August;
2. the detailed technical design and costings are already under way, and will be completed by November, at which point the construction dates will be confirmed; and
3. construction will commence following approval of the technical design.

The construction contract makes provision for dealing with any underperformance, in line with industry practice.