



AYLESBURY VALE  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Refurbishment – new and improved facilities for Aqua Vale Swimming and Fitness Centre



Aylesbury Vale District Council appointed V4 Services in 2010 to implement a Programme Management Office (PMO) to co-ordinate and manage the council's challenging £100 million Major Projects Programme. One of the projects within this programme was the refurbishment and extension of the Aqua Vale Swimming and Fitness Centre.

### THE CHALLENGE

Refurbishment and extension of the Aqua Vale Swimming and Fitness Centre in Aylesbury whilst maintaining a 'live' leisure environment for staff and customers.

### THE SOLUTION

V4 Services have provided programme and project management services through Aylesbury Vale District Council's Programme Management Office (PMO).

These services include:

- ➔ Client-side project management.
- ➔ Procurement and management of the Design Team, Cost Manager, Employer's Agent and other consultants.
- ➔ Procurement of the main contractor through the IESE Construction Framework.
- ➔ Risk management.
- ➔ Integration of the scheme into other projects within the council's capital programme including: Aylesbury Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury Waterside regeneration and an education facility.
- ➔ Stakeholder management.



Front view of the Aqua Vale Swimming and Fitness Centre



V4 Services worked closely with us and the main contractors throughout the refurbishment and construction. This enabled us all to continue to provide a quality service to our members and customers. We now have a greatly enhanced centre which, largely as a result of this project, enabled the council to secure a £620,000 annual betterment when the operating contract was recently tendered. We look forward to the people of Aylesbury Vale and those from further afield enjoying the new facilities.

Matthew Partridge, Director, Aylesbury Vale District Council





## About V4 Services Limited

We have worked in partnership with over 120 UK public sector organisations including: councils, NHS, social enterprises and trading bodies providing hands-on delivery support to set up new business structures, improve the efficiency of in-house services, encourage a commercial approach and generate savings and service improvements.

## THE BENEFITS

The project, completed in September 2012, included:

- ➔ The provision of a retractable roof to cover the current outdoor pool providing all year-round swimming facilities.
- ➔ Relocation of the cafe to the front aspect of the building to encourage additional customers from the nearby park and tennis facilities.
- ➔ CHP (Combined Heat and Power) – improved energy efficiency which has reduced the revenue utility costs and carbon footprint.
- ➔ Extended and enhanced reception and fitness suite.
- ➔ Creation of a multi-functional room accessible for community hires, training sessions and/or special bookings.
- ➔ Transformation of the newly vacant cafe area, kitchen and stores into superior and larger 'dryside' changing facilities and the establishment of additional 'wetside' changing facilities for enhanced activity programming.
- ➔ Refurbishment of part of the current 'dry side' changing area to become specialist and complementary treatment rooms – GP referral, holistic therapy, etc.
- ➔ Reconfiguration of the car park, within its current footprint, to provide up to a further 40 parking spaces.
- ➔ Refurbishment of the existing wetside changing village.
- ➔ Refurbishment of the existing flume and installation of an additional flume to enhance the leisure water offer to the user.



Elevated view showing retractable roof over former outdoor swimming pool

## AYLESBURY PMO – KEY FACTS

**Location:**

**Park Street, Aylesbury**

**Project value:**

**£4.85 million  
(construction)**

**Programme: 2010-2012**

**Procurement route:**

**IESE Framework**



New changing facilities

