

## Achievements and performance

In **March 2023** we completed pre-development work with Architects, Structural Engineers and Mechanical and Electrical Engineers who produced detailed plans for the completion of what had originally been intended as changing facilities for Tiber Football Centre, but interrupted by Covid 19 now held a new purpose. The plans that the professionals produced enabled a further application for funds to develop the building over two storeys so that it would not just provide football changing rooms but also; fully accessible youth facilities, a large community function space, outdoor performance area/basketball court and car parking. This project was the idea of local young people, whose ambition it is to 'build world class facilities that raise aspirations; encourage and support young people in achieving their goals and getting the best out of life'.

Our process of working with The Greenhouse Project for recruiting, employing and training young people has continued and in turn has been instrumental in creating a pathway for participants to join the Tiber Young People's Steering Group. In **June** the YPSG group took part in a session where they explored the issues that they face as young people in the transition to becoming young adults. They identified key areas including mental health, life skills, employability, arts and sports and expressed the need for Tiber to provide facilities where these activities could take place in a way that helped break down barriers and support them and other young people in their journeys to adulthood.

The building layout confirms that the young people's expressed needs have been applied; The ground floor will consist of 3 education/training rooms, cafe and kitchen, 2 team changing rooms with showers and toilets, 1 individual changing room, disabled toilet, storage areas, boot room, toilets, office and reception. The upper floor, with stair and lift access, will provide a large multi-purpose function room, a small stage, servery, office and disabled toilet and male and female toilets, with viewing terraces on both the pitch side and performance side of the building. Car parking will allow for 32 spaces, 3 of which will be accessible bays, a coach turning / parking area is also included in the scheme. In **July** our application to the Youth Investment Fund for a grant just short of £2,976,000 to construct the new facilities was successful and our YPSG worked with local Videographer and former Chair of Tiber to produce a film, which shared on social media platforms, their plans for Tiber's new youth facilities.

In **October 2023** KrolCorlett were appointed as the main contractor and in **December** they began clearing the site in preparation for work to start. In **February 2024** the YPSG finished their 2<sup>nd</sup> Video, which shared the news of our successful Youth Investment Fund bid, plans for the new building and further information relating to Tiber's overall Masterplan.