In July 2007 the scheme to improve the leisure centre commenced and consisted of the following:

- Extension of the car park with new pedestrian footpaths
- New entrance foyer with larger customer circulation & social areas
- An extension to the fitness suite
- A new activity studio to provide a wider range of activities
- A new meeting room
- New storage spaces.

The £1 million cost of the project has been met with money generated from Business Rates savings which Carlisle Leisure Limited is able to achieve due to its status as a Charitable Trust. This fund is jointly administered by the Council and Carlisle Leisure Limited and used to improve the facilities and services provided at the leisure facilities owned by Allerdale Borough Council and operated, managed and developed by Carlisle Leisure Limited via a 15 year management agreement.

The old reception building was demolished and the new link building designed to fill most of the ‘courtyard’ area between the swimming pool and sports hall buildings. The entrance into the building was relocated to the St Helen’s Street side of the facility. The enable the new facility to link into the existing buildings effectively and improve access for customers.

The new building was designed with a curved roof which swoops down from the Sports Hall to join the Swimming Pool. This has enabled a light and airy space to be created and energy efficient heating and ventilation systems to be installed without compromising the space available.

The new foyer has under floor heating in the circulation areas and is air conditioned in the activity rooms.

Sky lights and a glass wall provide natural light whilst retaining privacy for customers.
Construction of the internal walls quickly took place and as the layout of the building began to take shape it became evident that the new spaces were of such a size that they would enable the leisure centre to provide a much wider range of activities. This increased flexibility was key to the scheme as it would increase the benefits available to customers.

This photo shows the scale of the new facility and looks into it from where the new entrance doors will be located.

The new activity studio is straight ahead and has two windows into the foyer.

The entrance into the Sports Hall is to the right and the new reception desk will be located under the timber paneling on the left.

The Swimming Pool is located past the reception desk to the left.

This photo shows the reception foyer from the opposite angle looking towards where the reception desk will be situated.

The Swimming Pool changing rooms and viewing area are accessed to the right.

The front of the reception foyer will be glazed from floor to ceiling to enable as much natural light to enter the building as possible.

This area will have a slate floor with under floor heating.

The extension to the fitness suite is shown here with the glass block wall allowing natural light to enter and protect the privacy of users.

This will enable the fitness suite to provide a greater range of Cardio Vascular and resistance equipment to customers.

The area will feature air conditioning and audio-visual equipment to create a comfortable environment in which to work out.