



# Nantwich Leisure Centre

## **EQUANS completes £2.2m low-carbon regeneration of Nantwich Leisure Centre**

EQUANS, the new brand for ENGIE's service-led activities in the UK, has completed work on the regeneration of Nantwich Leisure Centre on behalf of Cheshire East Council.

The Council, alongside the borough's health and leisure charity Everybody Sport and Recreation, has invested over £2.2m in the regeneration of the leisure centre which EQUANS began work on in mid-2021.

Saturday 12th February saw an open day take place at the new-look leisure centre, with special guest Dame Sarah Storey, Britain's most decorated Paralympian, in attendance to open the new gym and cycle studio.

The regeneration includes a number of different elements, including the provision and extension of the gym area, the provision of a two-storey extension creating a new entrance to the leisure centre and construction of a purpose-built spin studio. EQUANS designed and installed smart build technology, as part of the council's drive towards a carbon-neutral authority by 2025.

Cheshire East Council was able to draw on the public sector decarbonisation fund to help make the centre eco-efficient and sustainable, and install smart control technology throughout the building to minimise energy running costs.

Alyson Seddon, Head of Education and Public Buildings (EPB) at EQUANS UK & Ireland, said: *"We're really pleased to have finished*

*work on this low-carbon project on behalf of Cheshire East council. The leisure centre is a key part of the community in Nantwich, and we're delighted to be able to provide a new-look destination that also meets the council's carbon net-zero targets.*

*"Throughout the regeneration, EQUANS has prided itself on working closely with the local community. Since starting on-site in 2021, a Special Interest Group for local charities was formed which allowed funding of up to £10,000 to be provided, by EQUANS, to community groups in and around Nantwich."*

Councillor Mick Warren, Cheshire East Council's chair of environment and communities committee, said: *"I want to thank the teams at the council, Everybody Sport and Recreation and EQUANS for the hard work they have put in to refurbishing this facility, providing excellent state-of-the-art amenities so that members and visitors can enjoy their time there and be part of the council's 'healthy and active lives' ethos."*

Tom Barton, Executive Director at ESAR, said: *"Our team has been working closely with Cheshire East Council colleagues to help make all our leisure estate as energy efficient as possible. Working with EQUANS too on this development, we have taken the build opportunity to ensure the technology and operating systems provide a sustainable community facility for the future that contributes towards the important low-carbon agenda."*

