This project will see us refurbish an existing 1970s building, including swimming pool, sports hall, changing, gym and studio areas.

An infill extension will also be constructed under the overhang of the existing concrete-frame building, increasing the total fitness area by 40 per cent.

Covering three floors and 59,300sq ft, the leisure centre is expected to reopen in autumn 2018. A library in the building and the basement car park will remain open throughout the works.

Moss Side Leisure Centre follows a number of new-build and refurbishment projects across the city, as Manchester City Council strives to encourage healthy lifestyles and improve the energy efficiency of its leisure stock.

Sustainability

Significant work is planned to improve the energy efficiency of the building, with re-roofing works, the replacement of the façade with thermally efficient cladding panels, LED lighting, new mechanical and electrical systems, and the installation of a Combined Heat and Power (CHP) plant.

CHP integrates the production of usable heat and power in one single process, generating electricity and capturing usable heat produced. CHP has shown to be up to 24 per cent more efficient than traditional energy generation in some cases.

Community engagement

As part of our commitment to leave a enduring value in the areas we work in, we will offer three new apprenticeships on the site, visit local primary schools to promote site safety and work with local colleges (see image opposite) to encourage students to take up construction careers.

The site is expected to take part in Open Doors in March 2018. The event will give people a behind the scences look at the construction work, in an effort to encourage more young people to take up careers in the sector.

Refurbishment projects are often challenging. The discovery of a problem is the easy bit, but it is by working together to resolve it in a way that provides best value for the City. This is where ISG has proved themselves to be a key member of the team.”

Tim Laycock, Major Projects Lead (Interim), Manchester City Council