

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

25th August 2016

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Smith (Chairman) and Councillors Billings, Mrs Coyle, Grant, Mrs Plenderleith (substituting for Councillor Hewlett), Swann Watson (substituting for Councillor Muller) and Mrs Wyatt.

Labour Group

Councillors Rhind, Richards, Mrs Stuart and Taylor.

HCS/22 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Coe, Hewlett and Muller (Conservative Group).

HCS/23 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th June 2016 were noted and approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

HCS/24 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

HCS/25 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 10**

The Committee was informed that no questions from members of the public had been received.

HCS/26 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

The Committee was informed that no questions from Members of the Council had been received.

HCS/27 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

HCS/28 **CORPORATE PLAN 2016-21: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT**
(1 APRIL – 30 JUNE 2016)

The Director of Community and Planning Services presented the report to inform Members of the progress made during the first quarter of 2016/17, highlighting action being taken to address those areas not currently on target, and the importance of Appendix D (Risk Registers) allowing members to see risks and measures in place to mitigate those.

The Chairman commended the report praising its layout and presentation. Councillor Mrs Coyle reiterated this and encouraged Members to note the successes in Appendix B to the report. Councillor Mrs Coyle praised the report and reminded members that as an evolving document, suggestions for further improvement to this report would be welcomed.

RESOLVED:

Members noted progress against the performance targets.

HCS/29 **OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND COMMUNITY FACILITY DEVELOPMENT**
UPDATE

The Director of Community and Planning Services presented the report for Members to note progress on facility development. Members were informed that the Grove Active Zone Project and the Melbourne Sporting Partnership (MSP) scheduled to open in mid-September, with the Midway Community Centre due to open in October 2016.

The Chairman commended the achievements to date, with these coming to fruition, also commenting that Team GB's success at the Rio Olympics 2016 had also inspired people to make use these facilities.

Councillor Mrs Plenderleith commented on the MSP funding item being referred to Finance & Management Committee, requesting further information on the terms of the lease and repayment structure of the loan. The Director of Community and Planning Services advised that the project will be leased to the MSP for twenty-five years and then revert back to the Council. An agreement will be put in place to ensure the commitment to repay the loan by the MSP. Councillor Richards agreed that the Finance and Management Committee would provide the opportunity for Members to receive more detail to decide the structure and repayment of the loan.

Councillor Richards questioned whether alternative squash courts could be made available since the conversion of Grove Hall squash courts into the Apex Climbing Centre. The Director of Community and Planning Services commented on the low levels of use of squash courts but reassured Members that if climbing lacks popularity then it is possible to convert back to squash courts.

Councillor Richards expressed his appreciation of the facilities at Chestnut Avenue Community Centre explaining that they have been built according to

SASH (Standard Approach to Sports Halls), but highlighted that although the Hall was ideal for Sports usage, it was less suitable as a Community Centre due to the limited storage space and the logistics of accessing sports facilities through the meeting room. Councillor Richards suggested the creation of a mezzanine floor to deal with this problem. In addition Councillor Richards pointed out that there was a manhole on the football pitch that required addressing.

The Cultural Services Manager noted these comments, informed the Committee that the manhole issue had been resolved and undertook to investigate the storage matter further.

RESOLVED:-

- 1) Members noted progress on facility development.***
- 2) Members recommended to Finance and Management Committee the allocation of up to £50,000 from the Sport and Health/Youth Engagement Reserve towards the Melbourne Sporting Partnership project to complete the fitting out prior to its transfer to the Melbourne Sporting Partnership.***
- 3) Members recommended to Finance and Management Committee to enter into a loan agreement that the Melbourne Sporting Partnership repay the reserve fund allocation back to the Council with the loan secured against the freehold reversion of the land.***
- 4) Members noted the intention to negotiate with Sport England to secure £5,000 towards a Playing Pitch Strategy.***

HCS/30 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED:-

Members considered and approved the updated work programme.

HCS/31 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**

RESOLVED:-

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.

MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th June 2016 were received.

**TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

The Committee was informed that no questions had been received.

**DIRECT OFFERS OF ACCOMMODATION AND OFFERS MADE TO
MEMBERS OF STAFF 2015-16**

RESOLVED:-

Members noted the contents of the report.

The Meeting terminated at 6:30pm.

COUNCILLOR P SMITH

CHAIRMAN