

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

29th August 2013

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Lemmon (Chairman), Councillor Hewlett (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Ford, Harrison, Murray, Smith and Stanton (substitute for Councillor Mrs. Hood).

Labour Group

Councillors Bell (substitute for Councillor Richards), Frost, Mrs. Heath, Rhind, Shepherd and Stuart (substitute for Councillor Mulgrew).

HCS/1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Mrs. Hood (Conservative Group), Richards and Mulgrew (Labour Group).

HCS/2. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th June 2013, were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

HCS/3. **ACTIVE NATION ANNUAL PRESENTATION**

David Johns (Contracts Manager) for Active Nation provided a 2-year update. He reported that participation rates had increased, over 33% at Green Bank Leisure Centre and over 9% at Etwall Leisure Centre. He reported on the numbers of Active Supporters and the growth in swimming lessons.

Highlights of the previous year were detailed and included the pre-Olympics games camp and exhibition match, along with sponsorship provided to the English Schools Cross Country Championships at Catton Park. This would be repeated in 2014 at the event to be held at Castle Donington.

An all-weather floodlit pitch had been opened and advance bookings taken, which meant that there was nearly 100% occupancy at peak time. Both Centres had been audited and were now approved as training centres.

Next steps for the Leisure Centres were:

- Green Bank Leisure Centre refurbishment.
- Etwall Leisure Centre investment.
- Community Sports Activation Programme.

Members requested further information on the legacy following the Para-Olympics, and also further details were requested on complaints that had been made at Etwall Leisure Centre, and plans that were in place to correct them.

The Director of Community and Planning Services reported that the Council and John Port School were jointly responsible for the building at Etwall and investigations were currently taking place.

It was asked what the hire charges were for the new pitch. The Director of Community and Planning Services agreed to respond directly to the Member concerned.

The Chairman thanked David Johns for the presentation, and concluded that both Leisure Centres were running very successfully.

HCS/4. **NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROVISION**

The Director of Housing and Environmental Services provided an update on new affordable housing provision.

He reported that a lead agent, Nottingham Community Housing Association had been appointed in mid-June. In addition, the process for appointing an architect and the cost consultation were nearly completed, and should be in place within the next month. Work had been done on feasible sites. Most of these were privately owned, although 2 sites that had been identified were owned by South Derbyshire District Council. It was reported that a planning application would be submitted late autumn 2013.

It was also reported that the Director of Housing and Environmental Services was considering the acquisition of a small flat at Woodville, and the legal process was underway.

It was agreed that a further update be submitted to the Housing and Community Services Committee late autumn 2013.

HCS/5. **CORPORATE PLAN 2009 – 14: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (1st APRIL – 30th JUNE 2013)**

A report was submitted which detailed the achievements and out-turn performance at year end, in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009 – 14. Full details were provided in appendices attached the report, and included progress against Corporate Plan key projects and Corporate Plan performance measures.

Members requested further information which was provided, on SM03 and LM06.

RESOLVED:-

- 1) ***That the progress and achievements in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009/14, for the period 1st April to 30th June 2013, be noted.***
- 2) ***That where progress has failed to achieve the specified target, the response be noted.***

HCS/6. **WORK PROGRAMME**

Members were asked to consider the updated work programme and review its content where appropriate.

RESOLVED:-

That the updated work programme be approved.

HCS/7. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (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 13th June 2013 were received.

ROSLISTON FORESTRY CENTRE (Paragraph 3)

Members recommended to Finance and Management Committee that a further amount of money be allocated towards the project as detailed in the report.

J. LEMMON

CHAIRMAN