

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE 2019

Present: Councillor H E Skinner, Chair

Councillors: D Bagshaw
S Easom
L Fletcher
J W McGrath
J P T Parker
P D Simpson
I L Tyler
E Williamson
R D Willimott

Councillors R I Jackson and M Radulovic MBE attended as ex-officio members of the Committee.

1 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor J W McGrath declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 4 as a relation was employed by Liberty Leisure, minute number 3 refers.

2 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting on 23 January 2019 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3 **LIBERTY LEISURE PRESENTATION**

The Committee received a presentation from the Chief Executive of Liberty Leisure regarding its work in the Borough. Following the presentation there was a discussion about the success of Liberty Leisure and the organisation was congratulated on the service it provides to the Borough.

4 **PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT - REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS - LIBERTY LEISURE LIMITED**

With the permission of the Chair, this item was moved forward in the agenda.

The Committee noted progress made in achieving the Business Plan for Liberty Leisure Limited and the current Key Performance indicators. There was a question regarding the programme of pop-up cinema events and it was noted that the Liberty Leisure Team was hoping to do more pop-up cinema events in future.

5 BRAMCOTE LEISURE CENTRE CONDITION SURVEY

The Bramcote Leisure Centre Survey was noted and members were asked to consider a response to the report alongside the need for a long-term Leisure Facilities Strategy. There was particular reference to exploring the possibility of building a new leisure centre rather than investing further funds in repairs to an ageing asset. The timescales for providing a new leisure centre were discussed and it was considered that between three and five years presented a realistic timescale for getting the relevant planning permissions, consultation and building of such a facility.

A discussion followed regarding the condition of Kimberley and Chilwell Olympia Leisure Centres and whether the responsibility would lie with the Council for renovating assets that were shared with partner agencies. The importance of Joint Use Agreements was noted with regard to assets that were shared with schools.

There followed a debate concerning the future of Leisure Services. There was a consensus that the Council would provide Leisure Services in the Borough for the foreseeable future, but there was concern that the Leisure Facilities Strategy could make recommendations that would not be commensurate with the will of the Committee.

An amendment to the recommendation was proposed by Councillor S Easom and seconded by Councillor L Fletcher. On being put to the meeting the amendment was carried.

RECOMMENDED to the Finance and Resources Committee that £30,000 be allocated in the capital programme for the employment of external consultants to prepare a Leisure Facilities Strategy and that the Council continue to provide Leisure Services within the Borough.

6 CLEAN AND GREEN

The Committee noted progress on the Clean and Green initiative, with particular reference to waste days. These were considered to have been successful, though there were concerns that people from outside of Broxtowe had benefited from bringing their waste.

7 CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Committee considered the changes to Cemetery Rules and Regulations covering the five cemeteries managed by the Council. A minor amendment was made regarding headstone measurements.

There followed a discussion about selling graves out of sequence. It was noted that graves could not be bought out of sequence so that cemeteries could be managed effectively.

RESOLVED that the new Cemetery Rules and Regulations be approved.

8 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE PRINCIPLES FOR THE REDUCTION OF CONTAMINATION

The Committee noted the report and the document entitled Nottinghamshire Principles for the Reduction of Contamination. It was considered that the level of contamination was low compared to the other districts in Nottinghamshire.

There followed a discussion about what happened when the householder was not the person who has contaminated the bin dry recyclable waste bin. It was noted that all missed bins could be reported to the Waste and Recycling team and would be collected within three working days.

Debate progressed on to the types of plastics that could be recycled under the countywide contract. It was considered that variations nationally could be the cause of confusion when recycling plastics. The Committee noted however, that the most harmful contaminants to a load of dry recyclables were nappies, glass food and textiles, all of which could cause widespread contamination to load as a whole and were much more damaging than incorrect plastics.

9 PRIDE IN PARKS - PLAY AREA AND PARKS/OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS

Members noted the progress of the Pride in Parks initiative including gaining funding from Waste Recycling Environmental and the Pocket Parks initiative.

10 HICKINGS LANE RECREATION GROUND - PROPOSED LEASE WITH STAPLEFORD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

The Committee considered the proposal from Stapleford Town Football Club to enter into a 25 year lease with the Council for Football pitch three at Hicking Lane Recreation Ground. The good work of the club with regards to combating anti-social behaviour and providing an important service to the community were discussed.

RECOMMENDED to the Policy and Performance Committee that the Council subject to agreeing Heads of Terms with the Stapleford Town Football Club to grant a 25-year lease for pitch 3 at Hickings Lane Recreation Ground to Stapleford Town Football Club.

11 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN - ENVIRONMENT - OUTTURN REPORT

The progress made against outcome targets identified in the Environment Business Plan were discussed with particular reference to the provision of floral displays.

It was noted that floral displays, including those on road traffic islands and hanging baskets needed to be sponsored by local businesses and that the Council was always looking for appropriate sponsors.

12 WORK PROGRAMME

A number of ideas for the Work Programme were discussed. It was agreed that an item on allotments should be added to the Work Programme.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme, as amended, be approved.