

# LEISURE, PARKS & WASTE MANAGEMENT (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE

3 MARCH 2020

## PRESENT:

Councillors Matthews (Chairman), Banevicius (Vice-Chair), Silvester-Hall (Vice-Chair), Baker, Barnett, L Ennis, Ray, Warfield, Westwood, M Wilcox and B Yeates.

(In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No.17 Councillors E. Little, J. Grange, A. Little, D. Pullen, S. Norman and D. Robertson attended the meeting).

## 19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Salter and Tapper.

## 20 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

## 21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a correct record.

## 22 WORK PROGRAMME

The work programme was circulated and it was noted that this was the last meeting of this municipal year. It was asked if there could be an update on this and this was agreed by the Cabinet Member for Recycling and Leisure.

It was then asked if an item could be added to the next work programme on the Community Sports service focusing on usage during school holidays. The Cabinet Member reported that she was already investigating this with Officers and would be happy to bring a report to the Committee.

**RESOLVED:** That the work programme be noted and the agreed items be added to the next municipal year's programme.

The Committee was then formally introduced to the Head of Operational Services, Ben Percival.

## 23 NEW LICHFIELD LEISURE CENTRE MEMBER TASK GROUP

The Committee received a report requesting the formulation of a Member Task Group to provide a key governance link on the development of a new leisure centre in Lichfield City. A draft Terms of Reference and Scoping Document for the Task Group was considered by the Committee which the Committee felt were useful to see.

The Cabinet Member gave a brief update on the projects relating to the current leisure centre at the Friary Grange School.

The Committee was then informed that consultants had been commissioned along with Sports England and National Governing Bodies of Sport to assess community need for Officers to then ensure the most affordable, sustainable and acceptable facility for the area.

It was asked if secondary data would also be considered including district wide need and crosser over of leisure users with neighbouring authorities and it was reported that it would be and all possible data would be gathered to inform the right decisions. It was reported that the task group would also be looking at facilities out of area.

The membership of the Member Task Group was discussed and Cllr Banevicius requested that she be removed and replaced by Councillor Robertson as he was a Lichfield City Member and the Committee agreed to this change. There was then discussion regarding the inclusion of Councillor Checkland following his declaration of interest on the Friary Grange Leisure Centre matter. Some Committee members felt a fresh start to the project was needed to ensure residents had confidence in the process. Other members however felt it was the outcomes of the Task Group that was important. The Leader of the Council notified the Committee that he had requested the Councillor be part of the Task Group as he was an active leisure user and did understand what was required to run a centre. It was agreed for the Task Group to form with five members and for them as an entity to consider a sixth member.

It was discussed if members of the public could also be part of the Task Group or co-opted onto the group and it was also agreed for the Task Group to consider this.

**RESOLVED:** (1) That the draft Terms of Reference for the New Lichfield Leisure Centre Task Group be endorsed;

(2) That the scope of the New Lichfield Leisure Centre Task Group be endorsed with the amended membership as agreed; and

(3) That the preparation of the detailed business case in readiness for a second phase of implementation be endorsed.

## **24 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That, as publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business which would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in **Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A** of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.

**IN PRIVATE**

## **25 TRADE WASTE SERVICE REVIEW**

This item was considered in confidential session.

(The Meeting closed at 7.00 pm)

CHAIRMAN