

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE**

31 January 2002  
(2.30 – 7.53pm)

**PRESENT:** Councillors J. Rosenstiel (Chair), Benstead, Callaghan, Ellis-Miller, Knowles, Levison, Reed, M Schofield, Talbot and Taylor.  
Councillor Stuart also attended as the lead Conservative member for community development and leisure matters.

### **FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL**

#### **02/d/01 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2001 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **02/d/02 APOLOGIES**

There were none.

#### **02/d/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Code of Conduct (non-financial) interests were declared:

Councillor Benstead (minute reference 02/d/14) Milton Road Infants School, daughter attends.

Councillor Callaghan (02/d/09) Trustee of Black Women's Support Group, Ethnic Community Forum and Women's Resources Centre (when all these applications were considered, the member left the room).

Councillor Ellis-Miller (02/d/09) user of Romsey Mill, CIAC, Junction/Drama Centre, Council observer on Women's Resources Centre.

Councillor Knowles (02/d/09) as a Friend of the Folk Museum, Arts Theatre, member of Refugee Support Group, Council observer on GET Board, (02/d/07) board member of Primary Care Group.

Councillor Rosenstiel (02/d/09) Trustee of Student Community Action (when this was considered, the member left the room).

Councillor Schofield (02d09) Council observer on Enterprise Agency, Junction, Kelsey Kerridge.

Councillor Talbot (02/d/07) a relative was employed at Parkside Pools.

The following pecuniary interest was declared:

Councillor Rosenstiel (02/d/09) Cruse Bereavement – employee (when this application was considered the member left the room)

02/d/04      **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

See under minute 02/d/09.

02/d/05      **PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND TARGETS AND SERVICE  
IMPROVEMENT PLAN MONITORING REPORT**

**Community Development**

Councillor Reed requested she be provided with details of 10% new applicants grant funded (para 4.6) refers and a copy to Chair.

**Economic Development**

In response to a request from Councillor Reed, the Committee agreed that Employment Foundation Service targets included in the Business Plan should be included where appropriate in this report next year.

The report was amended - (Table 5.3, box 6) should read community development and not Strategy & Partnerships.

**Parks and Recreation**

The Head of Parks and Recreation suggested that '11' should become a local PI in future years and tabled an amendment to reflect inclusion of capital charge on net cost per swim and 2001/02 estimates and 2002/03 targets

Councillor Reed stated that in discussing the performance of the swimming service the Labour budget would be proposing an alternative charging strategy which did not hit the most deprived hardest.

**Resolved** (by 6 votes to 0)

- 1) To include in the 2002 Best Value Performance Plan the BVPIs and LPIs as set out
- 2) Agree draft targets set against indicators for 2002/03
- 3) Approve service improvement proposals and resource implications for 2002/03

02/d/06      **PETITION – FUTURE OF BUCHAN STREET COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Mrs Glasscock, Mrs Honeyball and Mr Frost from the Kings hedges Supergroup addressed the Committee.

“We the undersigned, disagree with the planned changes to the management of the Buchan Street Community Centre and petition Cambridge City Council to keep the present arrangements in place.”

The petition had 225 signatures with a further 25 submitted on the day of Committee.

The petitioners circulated to the Committee copies of their oral submission.

In summary, the petitioners were concerned for community services on the west side of Kings Hedges. If Buchan Street were to change use or close the other amenity services (e.g shops, bus connections) would be adversely affected. Many groups used the Centre and this would be put in jeopardy. Without City Council management, the Centre could fall into disrepair. As the matter directly referred to the Budget for 2002/03 the issues raised were taken under that item. The petitioners were thanked by the Chair for attending and remained for the debate on the Budget.

### 02/d/07 **REVENUE BUDGETS 2001/02 (REVISED), 2002/03 BUDGET AND CAPITAL BIDS**

The Chair tabled the following amendment:

Adjust the budget position in para. 4.1 for submission to City Board as follows -

	£
Total Net Budget for Committee	8,406,370
Reduce saving S04 Buchan Street Neighbourhood Centre from £60k to £50k in 2002/03 to provide transitional funding for two months	10,000
<b>Revised Total Net Budget for Committee</b>	<b>8,416,370</b>

Adjust the cash limit position in Appendix A for submission to City Board as follows -

	2002/03 £	2003/04 £	2004/05 £	2005/06 £	Total £
Net position Above / (Below) Cash Limit	9,100	(4,900)	(4,900)	(4,900)	(5,600)

#### *Recommendation 2.2*

Prioritise the PPF, PDP Exit and Capital bids as follows -

<i>PPF BIDS</i>		
Ref.	Description	£
<i>High Priority</i>		
F01	Holocaust Memorial Day	7,000
F03	Youth Development Officer	10,500
F04	Youth Vote	10,000
F06	Performing Rights and Police Checks	2,000
F08	Improving cleaning at Parkside Pools	30,000
F14	Removal of debris from city centre open spaces	15,000
<i>Total High Priority Bids</i>		<b>74,500</b>
<i>Medium Priority</i>		
F02	Community Activities in Petersfield	5,000

F05	Participation opportunities for children	2,250
F09	Expansion of GP referral scheme	10,000
F10	Trainee Technical Officer	15,000
F11	Sport Development Officer	7,500
F13	Improve maintenance of safety surfacing in play areas	13,000
F15	Reccy Rangers	23,000
<i>Total Medium Priority Bids</i>		<b>75,750</b>
<i>Low Priority</i>		
F07	Active Sport Programme	2,000
F12	Cambridge Diving Strategy	10,000
F16	Marketing and promotion of parks and open spaces	5,000
F17	Promote small scale events on parks and open spaces	7,500
F18	Parks and open spaces market research	10,000
F19	Park landscaping replanting programme	15,000
F20	Modern Apprentice Support at EFS	16,000
F21	IT support and development at EFS	24,000
F22	Corporate branding for use at all events (banners, signs and boards)	10,000
F23	Loss of grant from PDP Exit (YETI) bid	7,500
<i>Total Low Priority Bids</i>		<b>107,000</b>
<b>PPF Total</b>		<b>257,250</b>
<i>PDP Exit Fund</i>		
<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>High Priority</b>		
High		
E01	Youth Participation	16,000
E02	The DEC Youth Bus (reduced from £10,000)	6,000
E04	Informal Recreation Programme (reduced from £5,000)	3,000
E06	Party on the Piece	5,000
<i>Total High Priority Bids</i>		<b>30,000</b>
<i>Low Priority</i>		
E03	Viva Café	4,000
E05	Continuation of 'Parked' arts programme	12,000
E07	Children's Theatre	3,000
<i>Total Low Priority Bids</i>		<b>19,000</b>
<b>PDP Exit Total</b>		<b>49,000</b>

<b>CAPITAL</b>		
<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>High Priority</b>		
C01	Improvement to Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground Sports Pavilion	20,000
C02	Replacement of mobile office	20,000
C03	Refurbishment of the Corn Exchange foyer to increase bar provision and improve facilities	50,000

<b>Total</b>		<b>90,000</b>
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The Chair stated that on Buchan Street, the Council was working with the Primary Care Trust and social services to develop a healthy living centre with an emphasis on children and young people. There would be no closure of Buchan Street it was to be a re-focus of service delivery. The Head of Community Development suggested that the proposal could result in a combination of community use, an enhanced children and family use (daytime) and community health service. The idea had been subject of a lottery bid during the NCP period and it was now being revisited. The Sure Start Board had identified three facilities in the Abbey/Kings Hedges wards where feasibility work is to proceed, one of which is Buchan Street. The Sure Start money would be solely directed to the Children and Family element of any future service. The expectation would be that the community would be involved in running many of the evening services.

Councillor Stuart was concerned that the Viva Café was not to be funded through the PDP Exit Fund. The Chair stated that it would be funded from other sources as referred to in the report.

Councillor Stuart questioned what the Council was proposing to facilitate celebrations for the Golden Jubilee. The Chair advised that £5,000 would be made available from the grants budget and a press release would be issued shortly detailing criteria.

Councillor Reed stated that the Labour Group would be including in its budget proposal PPF bids for Community Involvement amongst which would be £10,000 for detached youth work.

The Chair's amendment was carried by 6 votes to 0.

Councillor Reed proposed a bid for £60,000 be made to City Board (for Buchan Street) and commit the City Council to fund the centre in the longer term.

Councillor Reed's amendment was lost by 6 votes to 4 (Councillors Benstead, Callaghan, Reed and Talbot for the amendment)

**Resolved** (by 6 votes to 4)

To approve, as agreed by the amendment above, the budget for submission to City Board.

02/d/08      **GRANTS: REVISED STRATEGY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & LEISURE 2002/03**

**Resolved** (by 5 votes to 0)

To approve the revised allocation of funds for 2002/03

02/d/09      **FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO VOLUNTARY AND NOT-FOR PROFIT**

## **ORGANISATIONS 2002/03**

Under the public question time procedure the following questions/statements were put:

Lorna Davies for CCVS questioned the logic behind the Grant Strategy (see above) and by example stated that by cutting the level of core funding, the CCVS would lose a full-time worker. Short-term funding projects was not the answer. The Chair stated that the Strategy was a response to the conclusions of the Best Value Review of Grants and that the Compact would be used to facilitate this change.

Black Women's Support Group – was concerned that the proposed grant would not cover any rent of premises, following its move from the Mary Seocle Centre. Members agreed that the Group needed to work further with the officers and the Ethnic Community Forum to seek alternative funding. Councillor Taylor as the Chair of Property and Administration Sub-Committee, undertook to investigate if there were any suitable low cost Council-owned premises.

Citizens Advice Bureau – the Manager did not agree with the changes to cut core funding. Committee should not take the decision until the Best Value Reviews of the Advice Agencies in 02/03 had been undertaken and reported.

Arbury Community Centre – the Treasurer explained that they were having difficulties with revenue funding, would welcome some stop-gap funding for caretaker to enable building to be available more. Officers were requested to discuss with the organization the potential for a grant application for a caretaker/warden service from 2001/02 budget. The Head of Property & Building Services would be requested to investigate the lease on the building at the request of Councillor Taylor.

### **Community Development and Leisure grants**

In introducing the report, the Principal Community Development Officer amended the figures in para. 5.1 (remaining total £77,255) and in para. 5.2 (recommendation total £273,582).

*Specific issues for organizations raised by members other than those mentioned above (Nb - The Chair left the room during consideration of the grants for Cruse and Student Community Action at this point the Chair was taken by the Vice Chair. Councillor Callaghan left the room during consideration of the grants for Black Women's Support Group, Cambridge Women's Resource Centre and Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum):*

Cambridge City Youth Partnership – In response to a question from Councillor Reed, the Head of Community Development stated that the trustees were being encouraged to come to a view of the future as soon as they possibly could. They were being encouraged to get some clarity of purpose, but officers did not underestimate how difficult it was going to be for the organisation.

Cambridge Monarchs Baseball Club – noted the application had been withdrawn.

Officers would pursue reasons behind this.

Cambridge Museum of Technology – noted that organization would be included in s106 report as a potential recipient of funding for re-development costs.

Fitzwilliam Museum – Councillor Talbot suggested that the Council should do more to establish how many city residents used the Museum. Officers were conscious of this and the use of University facilities generally was included within the draft Arts Strategy to be reported to Committee next cycle. Councillor Reed requested that the use of the Museum for the Mayor's Reception was not appropriate and officers should write to the Museum to establish the terms of its use on this occasion. The Vice Chair stated that the Mayor's Reception at the Museum had contributed to the Town and Gown working together, and on that basis writing to the Museum was inappropriate.

Institute of Visual Culture (former Cambridge Darkroom) – Officers amended recommendation to £6,000 subject to the outstanding requirements listed in the report.

Kelsey Kerridge – officers undertook to check that the organisation was applying concessionary rate to over 60s for both men and women.

### **Economic Development**

The Head of Policy and Projects circulated a revised table (para.5.8) and a letter from Cambridge Women's Resource Centre.

#### *Specific issues:*

Cambridge Enterprise Agency – the Committee was advised that the financial information awaited at the time of writing the report had been received and was satisfactory.

Cambridge Women's Resource Centre – the Head of Policy and Projects stated that based on the information in the letter dated 28/1/02 and circulated to Committee, he was still minded to recommend the grant as detailed in the report, but undertook to monitor and report back if appropriate.

### **Resolved**

To approve the grants as detailed in the reports, and with any amendments as listed above.

02/d/10      **PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES 2002/03**

### **Resolved**

To approve the applications for Health Inequalities and Older People PDPs as listed in Appendices 1 and 2.

02/d/11      **PARKS AND OPEN SPACES DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS**

**Resolved**

That the project schedules in appendices 1-3 be endorsed for inclusion in s106 report to Environment Committee on 26 March 2002.

That the Head of Parks and Recreation after consultation with Portfolio Holder and Chair and spokes of Scrutiny Committee, add new projects as identified with changes to be reported annually.

02/d/12      **CORN EXCHANGE BUSINESS PLAN 2002/05**

The Committee agreed that it would be important that the venue continued to offer a broad range of events, some of which by implication, would not be profitable.

**Resolved**

To approve the three year Business Plan.

02/d/13      **DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF**

**Resolved**

Cambridge Foodbank from 1 October 2001 – DRR at 20% (£330)  
Cambridgeshire FA - DRR at 5% (£740) pending clarification of constitutional status and financial information.

02/d/14      **NOMINATIONS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

The Committee agreed the nomination of Mrs D Bull to Milton Road Infants School.

The meeting ended at 7.52 pm.

**CHAIR**