

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND
LEISURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

7 November 2002
2.30pm – 5.05pm

PRESENT: Councillor Knowles (Chair), Cllrs Bailey, Callaghan, Hart, Howell, James, Hannah Reed, Sian Reid, Slatter

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr J Rosenstiel, Executive Councillor for Community Development And Leisure

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

02/CDL/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Ellis-Miller

02/CDL/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Knowles declared a personal interest in minute number 02/CDL/27 – as a member of the Primary Care Trust and remained in the room and took part in the discussion.

Councillor James declared a personal interest in minute number 02/CDL/22ii as a trustee of Church Schools of Cambridge.

02/CDL/21 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

a) Buchan Street Community Centre

A member of the public, Ms Elizabeth Hughes, Secretary of the Kings Hedges Residents Group addressed the committee about the original decision to make the Buchan Street Community Centre into a Healthy Living Centre. One year on, the centre was very often closed and people were denied access to the IT and other facilities. There was concern that health issues might supercede community ones and the community was very important to residents. So residents had an urgent need to know whether the new partnership with the Healthy Living Partnership had been completed.

The Head of Community Development responded acknowledging the points made and gave an undertaking that he would pursue them. He confirmed that the partnership agreement had not yet been completed.

b) Cherry Hinton Village College

County Councillor Christine Carter, a resident of Cherry Hinton, asked whether the management of Cherry Hinton Village Centre was to be taken over by Colville School.

The Head of Parks and Recreation responded assuring the questioner that no decision had been taken and that none would be taken without full public consultation.

02/CDL/22 **SERVICE PLANS**

i) **Arts and Entertainments**

The Head of Arts and Entertainments updated the report circulated with the agenda by saying that the refurbishment and new restaurant at the Corn Exchange had doubled day-time use of the facilities. He emphasised the fine balance in setting ticket prices for the Folk Festival.

The Head of Strategy and Partnerships reported on the role of the Arts Strategy Officer and the Council's partnership with the Junction CDC both of which were located in the Strategy and Partnerships team. The team was responsible for developing and implementing corporate initiatives to deliver the Council's aims and objectives.

The Committee congratulated Graham Saxby on his new post as Assistant Head of Arts and Entertainments.

The Executive Councillor commended the Service Plan.

ii) **Community Development**

The Head of Community Development reaffirmed the importance of partnership with other agencies in providing sustainable community facilities particularly as the city continued to grow.

The Executive Councillor stated that the meeting with consultants after this meeting was part of the process of trying to prioritise services.

iii) **Parks and Recreation**

The Head of Parks and Recreation highlighted the following points from the report:

- All services had been subject to a Best Value Fundamental Service Review and had approved Service Improvement Plans
- There would be significant resources available from Section S106 funding, Sport England money and an increase in grant aid
- New Performance Indicators came out of the Sports Strategy review

iv) **Economic Development and Tourism**

The Committee and the Executive Councillor paid tribute to Nicola Cowell, the Economic Policy Manager, on her retirement in developing the Employment Foundation Service to its current successful state.

The Committee agreed to the recommendations of the Service Plans as stated in the reports (8 votes to 0)

The Executive Councillor agreed to the recommendations as stated in the reports.

02/CDL/23 **KEY DECISION** **SPORTS SERVICE STRATEGY**

The Committee was asked to comment on and approve the first draft of the Cambridge Sports Services Strategy; any comments from the Committee were to be incorporated into the document before the phase of public consultation. The contractor appointed would be required to have marketing skills to reach groups not currently using the facility.

The Committee agreed to the recommendations as stated in the report (5 votes to 0).

The Executive Councillor agreed to the recommendations as stated in the report.

02/CDL/24 ST BEDE'S SCHOOL SPORTS HALL – COMMUNITY USE AGREEMENT

The Committee agreed with the recommendation for the Executive Councillor as stated in the report.

The Executive Councillor agreed to the recommendations as stated in the report.

02/CDL/26 MANAGING GREEN WASTE – PROJECT APPRAISAL

The project was intended to reduce the amount of green waste being sent to landfill sites, reduce the cost of its disposal, recycle green waste as soil improvers and mulching for shrub beds and utilise the equipment in other business areas of the Council.

Following questions from members, the Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy confirmed that the Government made a distinction between different kinds of 'soft' waste and that leaves could not be collected with household waste.

The Committee agreed with the recommendation for the Executive Councillor as stated in the report.

The Executive Councillor agreed to the recommendations as stated in the report.

02/CDL/26 FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO VOLUNTARY AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS 2002/03

The Committee agreed with the recommendations for the Executive Councillor as stated in the report.

The Executive Councillor agreed to the recommendations as stated in the report.

02/CDL/27 HOME SAFETY AND THE ELDERLY SCHEME

The Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy highlighted that the funding for the initiative was due to run out in March. The recommendations in the report had already been endorsed by Housing & Health Scrutiny Committee and the Executive Councillor for Housing & Health. This Committee was also being consulted before the budget process as it dealt with the exit fund for the Health Inequalities Priority Development Programme.

The Committee agreed with the recommendations for the Executive Councillor as set out in the report.

02/CDL/28 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE AND SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

- 1 The Committee agreed to the appointments of Mr Moss-Eccardt as Minor Authority Governor to Milton Road Infants School and of Councillor Sian Reid to Newnham Croft School.
The Executive Councillor agreed to the appointments.
- 2 They further agreed to delegate the appointment of Lotti Goan to the Executive Councillor, Chair and Spokespersons as no application form had yet been received.
- 3 As there were no nominations to the Governing Bodies shown below, the Committee recommended that the Executive Councillor ask the Head of Committee Services to invite nominations from members and the Schools concerned and
- 4 The Committee noted that the Executive Councillor would appoint representatives following consultation with the Chair and Spokespersons.

St Alban's RC Infant & Junior
St Andrew's Junior
Romsey Sedley Temporary Governing Body

The meeting closed at 5.05pm.

CHAIR