

**Community Services Scrutiny Committee
Special meeting**25 May 2007
2.30pm to 4.05pm**Present:** Councillors Slatter (Chair), Blair, Blencowe, Bradnack, James, Kightley

Also Present: County Councillor Kenny

For the Information of the Council**07/CS/39 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Lynn, Sanders, Shah and Tony Barnes and Stan Best (Tenant Representatives).

07/CS/40 Declarations of Interest

Slatter: Anthony Pemberton and she were Co-Trustees of Trumpington Village Hall
Smith: Is a friend of the Manager of Cambridge Rugby Club
Slatter: Is a friend of the Manager of Cambridge Rugby Club

07/CS/41 Management Arrangements for Green Infrastructure and Formal Sports Provision in Growth Areas.

The report summarised the issues for the management of the green infrastructure and the formal sports provision in the Southern Fringe and, subsequently, in other designated growth areas. The report suggested a range of options and a provisional financial forecast. The background to the each area was outlined with a recommended approach. The decisions made would inform S106 Agreement negotiations with developers in the Southern Fringe. The implications for the Council's Medium Term Strategy were also taken into account. The decisions already made by the Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health relating to the provision of community facilities were set out in the report.

Members raised a number of issues which included:

- Some residents had expressed concerns about the proposal for community facilities to be based on school premises for a variety of reasons. Members noted that successful centres had been built around school facilities, for example at Chesterton Community College. There was a good record of successful joint use provision in the community by means of partnership with schools. Nevertheless it was important to listen to residents' views and take account of their comments.
- An indication that the County would reduce the size of the school provision and the likely impact on the extent of the community element.
- The provision of swimming facilities would be an important factor; there was a requirement for community swimming facilities, as well as a requirement for a regional competitive facility, which could be met jointly with the University.
- The relationship and the joint community facility provision with the necklace villages.
- The possibility of staggered payments of commuted payments by developers.

No vote was taken.

Executive Councillor agreed the recommendations with the addition of a further recommendation:

the Executive Councillor for Arts and Recreation explore with the Director of Finance and the Director of Environment and Planning, the option of a phased approach to the payment of a commuted sum for the maintenance of the green infrastructure.