



Minutes of the Leisure and Community Policy Development & Review Panel

*Minutes of a meeting held on 16 May 2012
at the Civic Offices, Fareham*

PRESENT:

Councillor Miss S M Bell
(Chairman)

Councillor M J Ford, JP
(Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs P Bryant, Mrs M E Ellerton, T G Knight, Mrs S Pankhurst and R H Price, JP.

Also Present Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley, Executive Member for Leisure and Community, (Minute 8).

1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence made at this meeting.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting of the Leisure and Community Policy Development & Review Panel held on 7 March 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record ([I&c-120307-m](#)).

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed all members to the first meeting of the Leisure and Community Policy Development and Review Panel for 2012/13, in particular the newly elected members of the Council, Councillor Mrs Pankhurst and Councillor Ford, (Vice-Chairman).

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTION

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. PRESENTATION - INTRODUCTION TO LEISURE AND COMMUNITY (ROLES, REMITS, ACHIEVMENTS AND KEY PROJECTS FOR 2012/13)

The Panel received a presentation by the Head of Leisure and Community which provided information about the wide range of services which fall under the Leisure and Community portfolio, an overview of the main achievements for 2011/12 and the key projects for 2012 and beyond. Members were advised of the key officers and broad services provided by each of the following teams:-

- Leisure Development
- Community Development
- Parks and Open Spaces(Streetscene)
- Countryside Service
- Ferneham Hall

It was explained that services provided by the Streetscene team fall under both the Leisure and Community and Streetscene portfolios. In relation to Parks and Open Spaces the Streetscene team manage and deliver services relating to allotments; cemeteries; play area procurement; foreshore; Fareham in Bloom and strategic open space provision.

The Panel made a number of comments and asked questions on various matters covered in the presentation, which were answered by officers.

It was AGREED that:-

- (a) the Head of Leisure and Community be thanked for a very comprehensive and informative presentation; and
- (b) a copy of the presentation be circulated to all members and deputy members of the Panel.

(With the Panel's approval the Chairman agreed to bring forward item 8 on the agenda)

7. LEISURE STRATEGY REVIEW

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Community and Streetscene which invited members' comments on the latest revised Leisure Strategy document for 2012/13 prior to its consideration by the Executive. The report also provided details of the changes which have impacted on Leisure and Community related activities and services over the last year together with an

outline of the main achievements in 2011/12 (copy of report- [l&c-120516-r03-mbo](#) circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

Officers answered member questions regarding, in particular, the future of Westbury Manor Museum and explained in more detail the effects of the increase in demand on the Council for advice and support from local community groups and organisations referred to in paragraph 8 of the report.

The Panel noted the following minor amendments to the revised 2012/13 Leisure Strategy document, attached as Appendix A to the report:-

- (i) Page 19 - Wicor Pavilion - to read **May** 2012 instead of March 2012; and
- (ii) Page 21- target date to - "Complete construction of the new sports Pavilion at Wicor Recreation Ground, Portchester" - to read December **2012** instead of December 2013.

It was AGREED that, the revised Leisure Strategy for 2012/13 as set out in Appendix A to the report, be recommended to the Executive for adoption.

8. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW PANEL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2012/13 - INITIAL ENDORSEMENT

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Community and Streetscene regarding the Panel's proposed work programme for 2012/13 (copy of report- [l&c-120516-r01-mge](#) circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Hockley addressed the Panel during consideration of this matter.

The Director of Community and Streetscene stated that, with members' agreement, it was proposed to move the item on Park Lane Vision Consultation, from the work programme for 25 July 2012 meeting to the meeting on 5 September 2012. The Panel was also informed that, on 14 May 2012, the Executive had decided on the removal of the tennis courts to the rear of Portchester Community Centre, and, following the opening of the new Community Centre and removal of the old building, to undertake consultation with the local community about the provision for installing a new multi-use games area (MUGA) in an appropriate location within the wider site. It was therefore suggested that an item concerning proposals for the new facility be added to the work programme, as an unallocated item, for consideration at a future meeting.

It was AGREED that, subject to the revisions shown below, the Panel's work programme for 2012/13 be approved:-

- (i) the item on Park Lane Vision Consultation be moved from 25 July 2012 to 5 September 2012 meeting; and

- (ii) an item on the proposals for provision of new multi use games area facility at the Portchester Community Centre site be added to the work programme for 2012/13 as an unallocated item.

(The meeting started at 6:00pm
and ended at 6.55pm)