

AGENDA
LEISURE AND COMMUNITY POLICY
DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW PANEL

Date: Wednesday, 4 November 2015

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Members:

Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs S Pankhurst (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Mrs P M Bryant

M J Ford, JP

T G Knight

R H Price, JP

D L Steadman

Deputies: G Fazackarley

Mrs K K Trott



1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Leisure and Community Policy Development and Review Panel held on 9 September 2015.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest and Disclosures or Advice or Directions

To receive any declarations of interest from members in accordance with Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct and disclosures of advice or directions received from Group Leaders or Political Groups, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5. Deputations

To receive any deputations of which notice has been lodged.

6. Review of Work Programme 2015/16 (Pages 5 - 8)

To consider a report by the Director of Operations which reviews the Panel's proposed Work Programme for 2015/16.

7. Review of Youth Provision - Presentation

To receive a presentation by the Head of Leisure and Environmental Services on the provision of Youth Services in the Borough.

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FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leisure and Community Policy Development and Review Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Wednesday, 9 September 2015

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs S Pankhurst (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: G Fazackarley (deputising for Mrs P M Bryant), M J Ford, JP,
T G Knight, R H Price, JP and D L Steadman

Also Present: Miss S M Bell, Executive Member for Leisure and Community
and Mrs K K Trott (Items 6 & 7)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology of absence was received from Mrs P M Bryant.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the minutes of the Leisure and Community Policy Development and Review Panel held on 29 July 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OR ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interests made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. REVIEW OF THE NEW PRIORITIES

The Panel received a verbal update from the Head of Leisure and Community on the progress made on reviewing the new priorities that we identified at the previous meeting. These priorities were:

- Revenue funding for Youth Provisions
- Sponsorship to help reduce budget pressures
- External funding to provide new activities and facilities
- Volunteers to assist with the delivery of the service
- Additional Countryside Ranger
- Future budget for maintenance of leisure and community facilities

Members were informed that the Panel will be discussing these issues at a future meeting. Members were also informed that the biggest challenge will be funding for the on-going maintenance and provision of the leisure facilities that are currently available to the Borough; and that new ways to provide some of these services will need to be explored.

The Head of Leisure and Community was thanked for his update.

7. TITCHFIELD COUNTRY PARK - PRESENTATION

The Panel received a presentation by the Countryside Officer on the Titchfield Country Park.

The presentation gave an outline of the proposed facilities which include; a natural play area, footpath with guided walks, a car park and zoned ecological area.

The presentation also provided information on the other potential facilities that could be provided on this site, these included an outdoor education facility and a visitor centre. Other opportunities that will be explored include a dedicated volunteer group, external grant funding and a management partnership with HIOW Wildlife Trust.

The Panel were informed the plans for the first 6 months are to install the play area and car park as well as guided walks for people to get them familiar with the site. The first year targets include collating breeding bird data, soil preparations for the first meadow grasslands and to develop the volunteer group.

Councillor Price raised concern over the lack of fencing surrounding the children's play area and how people will be prevented from allowing their dogs in the play area. The Countryside Officer explained that they feel that the more open plan look to the play area will help it to fit into its surroundings and therefore they are not keen to fence it off. In regards to the issue of dogs, he suggested that signs will be erected stating that dogs will not be allowed in the play area, and that dogs must remain on leads whilst in that area. The Chairman also expressed her concern over dogs being able to access the child's play area and suggested that natural ways be investigated to tackle these concerns. The Head of Leisure and Community addressed the Panel and explained that they are looking at providing these facilities in a different way from other similar facilities within the Borough, but assured members that their concerns would be taken on board and considered in the design of the facilities.

Councillor Knight enquired as to whether there was going to be any provision for toilets on the site as he felt that it was an essential facility to have. The Countryside Officer explained that the toilets would be incorporated into the proposed visitor centre.

The Head of Leisure and Community addressed the Panel further regarding the Panels request to employ an additional ranger. He explained that two of the ranger posts are currently being funded from developer contributions. Going forward the preference is not to employ another full time Countryside Ranger. Instead they are looking to better use the resources they have and employ temporary Rangers when needed to enable the available funding to last longer.

Lastly several members requested that a more natural material be used when designing the car park, no tarmac, as so as to be in keeping with the natural surroundings.

It was AGREED that the Countryside Officer be thanked for his presentation.

**8. WESTERN WARDS LEISURE CENTRE PROGRESS UPDATE -
PRESENTATION**

The Committee received a verbal update from the Leisure Development Manager on the progress made on the Western Wards Leisure Centre.

The Panel was informed that construction on the site commenced in June 2015 and that works to the swimming pool and new junction are the first to be done.

All works are progressing well, with the pool being constructed and soon to be tested for water retention.

Councillor Trott enquired as to whether local schools would be consulted with regards to the development of the new play area. The Leisure Projects Officer confirmed that 3 local schools have been involved with the consultations on the naming of this facility and will be consulted, on the design of the new play area.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, passed on her thanks to all Officers that have been involved with this project, and stated that she was delighted with its progress.

The Leisure Development Manager was thanked for his verbal update.

9. REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Community which reviewed the Work Programme for 2015/16.

It was AGREED that the work programme, as set out in Appendix A of the report, be approved.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.03 pm).

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Leisure and Community Policy Development and Review Panel

Date 4 November 2015

Report of: Director of Operations

Subject: REVIEW OF THE WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16

SUMMARY

At its meeting on 9 September 2015, the Leisure and Community Policy Development and Review Panel agreed the Work Programme for 2015/16.

RECOMMENDATION

Members are now invited to review the Work Programme for the Year 2015/16.

INTRODUCTION

1. At the last meeting of the Panel on 9 September, members agreed a Work Programme for 2015/16, attached at Appendix A.

REVISIONS TO THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2015/16

2. The Panel is asked to note the following revisions to the work programme:
 - (a) The presentation on Countryside Service – Wildlife Habitats in Fareham, scheduled for this meeting, has been removed from the work programme;
 - (b) The presentation on Play & Recreational Facilities, scheduled for this meeting, has been moved to 20 January 2016 meeting; and
 - (c) A presentation on Review of Youth Provision has been added to the work programme for this meeting.

RISK ASSESSMENT

3. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report

CONCLUSION

4. The Panel is now invited to review and agree the Work Programme for 2015/16, as set out in Appendix A.

Background Papers:

None

Reference Papers:

Leisure and Community Policy Development and Review Panel – 9 September 2015 - Minutes

Enquiries:

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**LEISURE & COMMUNITY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW PANEL
WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2015/16**

<u>MEETING DATE</u>	
3 June 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Work Programme 2015/16 • Overview of Leisure & Community Portfolio – Presentation
29 July 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Work Programme 2015/16 • Open discussion about other potential leisure and community projects and policies
9 September 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Work Programme 2015/16 • Park Lane Vision – Update – Presentation • Western Wards Leisure Centre Progress Update - Presentation
4 November 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Work Programme 2015/16 • Review of Youth Provision - Presentation
20 January 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary overall review of Work Programme 2015/16 and Draft Work Programme 2016/17 • Western Wards Leisure Centre Progress Update – Presentation • Open Spaces Improvement Programme • Play and Recreational Facilities - Presentation
2 March 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Review of Work Programme for 2015/16 and draft 2016/17 • Fareham Leisure Centre Performance Review - Presentation

Unallocated Item(s):

