

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA

LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL

Date: Tuesday, 25 February 2020

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Members:

Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Mrs S M Bayford

S Dugan

J M Englefield

M J Ford, JP

Mrs K K Trott

Deputies: K A Barton

R H Price, JP



1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 16 December 2019.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest and Disclosures of Advice or Directions

To receive and declarations of interest from Members in accordance with the 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. Executive Business (Pages 9 - 10)

To consider any items of business dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel, that falls under the remit of Leisure and Community Portfolio. This will include any decisions taken by individual Members during the same time period.

(1) Remodelled Ferneham Hall Planning Application (Pages 11 - 12)

(2) Community Fund Application - Warsash Neighbourhood Forum (Pages 13 - 16)

7. Fareham Leisure Centre Planning Application (Pages 17 - 20)

To consider a report and supporting presentation by the Director of Leisure and Community on the proposed Fareham Leisure Centre Planning Application Design.

8. Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel Priorities

To provide an opportunity for Members to consider the Scrutiny Panel priorities for Leisure and Community.



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Minutes of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Monday, 16 December 2019

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs S M Bayford, S Dugan and Mrs K K Trott

Also Present: Councillor Miss S M Bell, Executive Member for Leisure and Community



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M J Ford, JP.

2. MINUTES

It was noted that the minutes to be agreed by the Panel were from the meeting held on 21 October 2019 and not as stated in the agenda pack.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 21 October 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements made at this meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. REMODELLED FERNEHAM HALL PLANNING APPLICATION DESIGN

Members received a presentation by the Director of Leisure and Community which outlined the top-level designs for submission as part of the planning application for the remodelled Ferneham Hall. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

The Panel was pleased that initial concerns regarding the type of brick work to be used in the remodelling of Ferneham Hall had been reconsidered. Members very much preferred the revised concept designs that were put forward in the presentation and were particularly impressed with both the look of the new choice of brickwork and also the strong historic link that it will bring to the famous and distinctive red Fareham bricks that were used in the construction of London's Royal Albert Hall.

Members put forward their sincere thanks and gratitude to all Officers concerned for the hard work that has been put into driving this project forward on such a tight schedule.

RESOLVED that the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel recommends the top-level designs, as outlined in the presentation, to the Executive for approval as part of the planning application to remodel Ferneham Hall.

7. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

(1) Award of Contract - Leisure Centre Operator Contract

No comments were received.

(2) Community Fund Application - Portchester Bowling Club

No comments were received.

8. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

The Chairman invited the Panel to consider the Scrutiny Priorities for the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel.

Members enquired whether there would be an update on Cams Alders and were advised that a report would be brought to the Panel in due course.

Members also requested whether feedback could be provided regarding the success of the Christmas lights this year. It was agreed that an update would be brought to the Panel once survey results have been received.

(The meeting started at 3.30 pm
and ended at 4.00 pm).

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Report to Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

Date: 25 February 2020
Report of: Director of Leisure and Community
Subject: EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

SUMMARY

One of the key functions of this Scrutiny Panel is to hold the Executive Portfolio Holder and Senior Officers to account in the delivery of the service and the Improvement Actions identified in the Council's Corporate Priorities and Corporate Vision.

Members are therefore invited to consider the items of business which fall under the remit of the Leisure and Community portfolio and have been dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel. This also includes any decisions taken by individual Executive Members.

The relevant notices for decisions taken are attached for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members consider the items of Business discharged by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel and make any comments or raise any questions for clarification.

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2019/20
Decision No.
2154

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 6 January 2020

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Remodelled Ferneham Hall Planning Application
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Leisure opportunities for health and fun

Purpose:

To seek approval for the detailed designs to be submitted as part of the planning application for the remodelled Ferneham Hall.

The concept design (Appendix A) and budget cost for the remodelling of Ferneham Hall and the preferred operator for the new community arts venue were agreed by the Executive on 26 September.

Overseen by the Ferneham Hall Project Member Working Group, the development of a design that best matches the Council's agreed vision has rapidly progressed.

Following extensive work, a detailed design to be submitted as part of a planning application was approved by the Member Working Group on 3 December 2019.

The Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel commented on the designs on 16 December 2019.

The proposed detailed external design (Appendix B) is presented for approval. Work is ongoing on some of the technical aspects of the design. Therefore, there may be minor alterations to this design ahead of its submission as part of the planning application.

If approved, the design, potentially subject to minor alterations, will be submitted as part of a planning application later in January 2020. The estimated determination date will be in March 2020, following a period of public consultation.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) noted the comments of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel; and
- (b) approves the principle of the detailed design for the remodelled Ferneham Hall, as outlined in Appendix B to the report, and that this, including any minor alterations be submitted as part of a planning application.

Reason:

To enable work to progress on the project to remodel Ferneham Hall into a new community and arts entertainment venue.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)
Monday, 6 January 2020

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2019/20
Decision No.
2163

Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for Leisure and Community Wednesday, 22 January 2020

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Funding Application - Warsash Neighbourhood Forum
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

Purpose:

This report presents an application for funding under the Council's Community Fund Programme.

An application for Community Funding has been received from the Warsash Neighbourhood Forum for the sum of £812.51 to fund £576 for an advertisement in the local Loop magazine, £56.51 for 2000 A5 flyers and £180 for one year's website hosting and domain validation.

The Forum was designated by the Council on 1st July 2019 following evidence of public support for its establishment, identified through public consultation.

The purpose of the Forum is to enable the production of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Warsash Neighbourhood Area, covering the villages of Warsash, Chilling and Hook. This allows residents from each of these areas to have a say in the production of the Plan.

The group is in the process of setting up as a Community Interest Company (CIC). Once the CIC has been registered, the Forum need to apply for Locality funding, which it plans to support the Group's future development and ensure sustainability.

Locality funding is allocated by the Government and provides an initial basic grant of up to £9,000 to groups working on a Neighbourhood Plan, to cover costs of publicity, hosting events, producing copies of plans and contracting professional consultants to advise on the proposed plans. Further funding of an additional £8,000 is also available through Locality, for groups working on allocating sites for housing. The Warsash Neighbourhood Forum would meet this qualifying condition.

The Director of Leisure and Community and the Executive Member for Leisure and Community have previously met with representatives of the Forum to remind the organisation of their ability to apply for Locality funding.

The Warsash Neighbourhood Forum has received much support from the Council. The Department of Leisure and Community has supported the Forum with community consultation and advice regarding accessing Locality funding. The Planning Department continues to work closely with this group to advise on appropriate options for the Neighbourhood Plan and planning processes.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Cartwright and Councillor Ford, are supportive of the work of the Warsash Neighbourhood Forum.

Options Considered:

The Executive Member for Leisure and Community considered that the Warsash Neighbourhood Forum has a clear purpose to represent the views of the residents of Warsash in the production of a Neighbourhood Plan and that the community funding application for promotional material and resources will provide opportunities to increase the number of residents whose views are being represented.

In cases where there is an alternative funding source that would be more appropriate the Council will direct the organisation to that other funding stream. In this case it has been determined that locality funding is available. This is a specific grant funding that has been created entirely for the purpose of supporting Neighbourhood Forums.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Community Fund Application in respect of Warsash Neighbourhood Forum be refused on the grounds that locality funding would be a more appropriate source to access to meet the set-up costs for the Forum.

Reason:

This application is suitable for consideration of Community Funding.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor Miss S Bell (Executive Member for Leisure and Community)
Wednesday, 22 January 2020

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Report to Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

Date: 25 February 2020

Report of: Director of Leisure and Community

Subject: FAREHAM LEISURE CENTRE PLANNING APPLICATION

SUMMARY

The Executive agreed on the 4 November 2019 to award a 10-year contract for the management of Fareham and Holly Hill Leisure Centres to SLM, otherwise known as Everyone Active. It also agreed to the capital investment required, in particular at Fareham Leisure Centre to help deliver an improved revenue.

The development of the design for Fareham Leisure Centre has progressed and Everyone Active are now able to submit a planning application.

No planning application is required for the internal changes intended at Holly Hill Leisure Centre.

The Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel are requested to comment on the external designs as set out in the supporting presentation for Members. The comments of the Panel will be tabled when the 'Fareham Leisure Centre Planning Application Designs' report is presented to the Executive on 02 March.

The Executive will be asked to approve the external designs for submission as part of a planning application at the 02 March Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Panel consider the contents of the report and the external designs set out in the presentation and pass any comments to the Executive on the 02 March 2020.

INTRODUCTION

1. This briefing paper provides an update on the 'Fareham Leisure Centre Planning Application Design' that will be presented to the Executive on Monday 02 March.

PROJECT UPDATE AND DESIGNS

2. In 2018 the Council commenced a procurement process to appoint an operator for the new leisure centre contract to commence from 01 October 2020. The Council's requirements were;
 - Investment in both leisure centres to deliver improved revenue, but particularly Fareham Leisure Centre as it is now 40 years old.
 - Operation of both centres in accordance with the Council's specifications which sought to deliver an improved quality of service;
 - Financial proposals which deliver enhanced revenue positions in comparison to the current contract fee.
3. At the 04 November Executive, it was agreed that a 10-year contract for the management of Fareham and Holly Hill Leisure Centres be awarded to Everyone Active who had presented a good tender submission and met the Council's requirements, including how they would invest in the facilities.
4. Everyone Active's bid included several investment opportunities which have been summarised below;

Fareham Leisure Centre

- Extended gym area on the ground floor to extend the building and create elevations to the road side with windows;
- Creation of an internal splash pad to add to the swimming pool offer;
- New reception counter and refurbishment of the foyer area;
- Creation of a new studio space and climbing area on the lower ground floor;
- Conversion of the squash courts to a soft play area;
- Refurbishment of dry changing rooms and café area;
- Additional parking.

Holly Hill Leisure Centre

- Conversion of large pool store into a sauna and steam room;
- Improvements to main foyer layout.

5. The development of the design for Fareham Leisure Centre's extension, the most extensive part of the project, has progressed well and Everyone Active are now able to submit a planning application.
6. A report regarding the planning application designs will be presented to the Executive on 02 March and will provide members with;
 - Update on the project
 - Designs of the extension for the submission to planning;
 - Next steps and timescales

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7. At the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting, Members will receive a presentation providing an overview of the designs developed by Everyone Active.
8. Members will be asked to comment on the content of the presentation and the designs. These comments will form part of the report presented to the Executive meeting on 02 March 2020.

CONCLUSION

9. Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel Members have the opportunity to comment on the external designs of Fareham Leisure Centre, which if approved by the Executive, will be submitted as part of a planning application.
10. Members comments will be tabled when the 'Fareham Leisure Centre Planning Application Designs' report is presented to the 02 March Executive.

Enquiries:

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