

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA

LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL

Date: Wednesday, 29 September 2021

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

Members:

Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Mrs S M Bayford
J M Englefield
M J Ford, JP
Mrs K K Trott
Miss T G Harper

Deputies: L Keeble

Mrs J Kelly

Ms S Pankhurst



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 01 June 2021.

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. Restarting of the Remodelling of Fareham Live Project (Pages 9 - 26)

To receive a report from the Director of Leisure and Community providing an opportunity for the Panel to pre-scrutinise the Executive report on restarting the remodelling of the Fareham Live Project.

7. Scoping Report - Y-Services

To consider and agree a scoping report to be included in a request to Y-Services to provide the Panel with a written update report. This report will then be provided at a future meeting of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel for information.

8. Executive Business (Pages 27 - 28)

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

(1) Community Funding Application - Abshot Community Association (Pages 29 - 32)

(2) Community Fund Application - 3rd Portchester Scouts (Pages 33 - 36)

(3) Community Fund Application - Locks Heath Colts Cricket Club (Pages 37 - 40)

9. 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: Tuesday, 1 June 2021

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, M J Ford, JP, Miss T G Harper and
Mrs K K Trott

Also Present: Mrs S M Walker (Item 6)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology of absence was received from Councillor J M Englefield.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 10 March 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made no announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations received.

6. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

The Panel received a presentation by the Executive Member for Leisure and Community providing an overview of the Leisure and Community portfolio services and priorities. (a copy of this presentation has been appended to these minutes).

The Executive Member for Leisure and Community took questions from the Panel following her presentation.

Members welcomed the return of the Access All Areas event that takes place during the summer, but Councillor Ford suggested that a change of name for the event may be required to better reflect the great service that is offered to young people during the summer holidays. Councillor Mrs Walker acknowledged these comments but confirmed that the name is well established and is well known with all local youth groups and schools.

Councillor Mrs Clubley suggested that a site visit for members of the Panel be arranged for them to view the improvement works to Fareham Leisure Centre. Councillor Mrs Walker agreed that this could be undertaken in the future once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

RESOLVED that the Executive Member for Leisure and Community, Councillor Mrs Walker, be thanked for her informative presentation.

7. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

(1) Community Fund Application - Stop Domestic Abuse

No comments were received.

8. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

The Chairman addressed the Panel on this item to inform them that due to the Covid-19 Pandemic the scrutiny priorities for this Panel were to be reviewed by the Director of Leisure and Community and herself, in order that a new plan can be established for future meetings which will focus on any areas that have now become a priority as a result of the Pandemic.

She advised all members, that if they had any items that they would like to be considered for the Scrutiny Priorities plan, to contact herself or the Director for Leisure and Community.

Councillor Mrs Trott requested an update on the performance of the Leisure Centres, with particular emphasis on the advertising of fees and charges and membership structure.

Councillor Mrs Bayford requested an update on Y-Services and how they are coping following the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Chairman suggested that a written update be provided later in the year as Y-Services have recently provided a presentation to the Panel. In addition to this, Y-Services have recently received some lottery funding and have yet to finalise plans for the use of this, therefore a report later in the year would allow time for this to also be reported on.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 6.43 pm).

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Report to Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

Date: 29 September 2021
Report of: Director of Leisure and Community
Subject: Restarting the remodelling of Fareham Live Project

SUMMARY

COVID-19 had a significant impact on both the Council's finances and the arts and entertainment industry. On 02 November 2020, the Executive approved the pausing of the Ferneham Hall project, to allow sufficient time for the implications of the pandemic to become clearer and for officers to hold detailed negotiations with BH Live regarding a sustainable model of operation.

An updated programme and set of key principles for the management of the venue have been developed in conjunction with BH Live. In addition, the cost of raw materials and building resources has grown rapidly in the last 10 months, partly as a result of the pandemic. This has resulted in the construction costs for the venue rising to £13.35m.

The confidential Executive report containing an update on the project alongside the updated proposals is presented for comment by the Panel at Appendix 1. Comments made will be passed to the 30 September 2021 Executive for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel: -

- (a) note the contents of the Executive report at Appendix 1; and
- (b) pass any comments to the Executive for consideration at their meeting on the 30 September 2021.

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 30 September 2021

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Restarting of the Remodelling of Fareham Live Project
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priorities:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

Purpose: To provide an update on the Fareham Live project and seek approval for the re-starting of the scheme with a revised construction budget, amended performance programme to be reviewed, and updated contractual arrangements with appointed venue operator BH Live.

Executive summary:

The creation of a new arts and entertainment venue to replace the now closed Ferneham Hall is one of the priorities within the Council's Corporate Vision 2017-23, and is the first step towards the regeneration of Fareham Town Centre.

Overseen by the Member Working Group, a vision for the venue was developed and consulted upon during 2018 and then approved by the Executive on 03 December 2018.

Following a detailed procurement exercise, experienced leisure and entertainment operators BH Live were appointed as the preferred bidder by the Executive on 26 September 2019.

An initial budget cost of £12.35m for the remodelling works was agreed at the same meeting. This was to be funded through current and future new development Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) receipts. The CIL reserve at the time was £4.7m and this amount was to be supplemented by short term borrowing of £7.65m.

The Council's CIL reserve balance earmarked for Fareham Live currently stands at £5.8m, an increase of £1m from the start of the project, meaning the remaining £12.675m project cost will require the Council to commit future CIL receipts of £6.875m to the project (taking into account the amount of £675,000 already spent). This is significantly lower than estimated when the project started, but based on development projections within the Borough, it will take 5 - 8 years to receive

sufficient CIL receipts to repay the borrowing.

At the conclusion of the Stage 4 design in late 2020, the design estimate was £12.57m. The increase was to accommodate adjustments to the design such as improvements to the external lighting scheme.

Ferneham Hall closed its doors for the last time in January 2020. The Planning Committee granted planning permission for the remodelling works a few months later on 13 May 2020. The name Fareham Live was approved by the Executive on 12 October 2020, following a public vote.

The unprecedented impact of COVID-19 during 2020 meant that all capital projects would need to be revisited and re-evaluated that year.

The decision to pause the project was agreed by the Executive on 02 November 2020. This would allow the implications of the pandemic to become clearer and for officers to hold detailed negotiations with BH Live regarding a sustainable model of operation.

An updated programme and set of key principles for the management of the venue are now presented for approval. The updated programme is a realistic reflection of the likely customer demand and producer output. The key principles place a greater level of economic risk on the Council, but also offer greater financial rewards when the venue is a success.

The cost of raw materials and building resources has grown rapidly in the last 10 months. This has resulted in the construction costs for the venue rising to £13.35m.

Options for changes to the design that would help reduce the overall budget are presented for consideration on the understanding that they will significantly impact the quality and, most likely, the operation of the venue.

An application for funding to support the project was recently made to the Government's Levelling Up Fund, which if successful could make a significant contribution to funding the project's costs, the results of which will be known by the end of the calendar year.

In order to meet the eligibility criteria for the scheme, the procurement of contractors for enabling works would need to begin immediately.

Overall, consideration needs to be given regarding whether to restart the project with an updated programme, amended contractual arrangements with BH Live and a revised budget.

If approved, construction would start in Spring/Summer 2022, with the anticipated launch by Fareham Live by the end of 2023.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

It is recommended that the Executive:

- a) approves the recommencement of work on the Fareham Live project;
- b) approves the updated contractual principles and programme with BH Live;
- c) approves the updated budget of £13.35m for construction works; and
- d) considers the potential cost saving opportunities presented.

Reason:

To ensure that Fareham Live can proceed with a budget that reflects the increased construction costs, as well as a performance programme and contractual arrangements, with appointed venue operator BH Live, that accurately reflect the wider entertainment industry as it recovers from the impact of COVID-19.

Cost of proposals:

The updated capital budget for the works is £13.35m. There is potential to reduce the costs by making changes to the design, however, this will likely adversely impact the operation of the venue and the associated costs.

If successful, the application to the Levelling Up Fund, could contribute just over £10m to the cost of the project. This would greatly reduce the level of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) reserve and prudential borrowing required to fund the project.

Appendices: **Appendix A: Confidential – Restarting the remodelling for Fareham Live briefing paper**

Background papers:

Reference papers:

Report to the meeting of the Executive held on 29 September 2019 entitled Concept Design and Budget Costs for remodelling Ferneham Hall

Report to the meeting of the Executive held on 29 September 2019 entitled Award of Contract – Operator of Remodelled Ferneham Hall

Report too the meeting of the Executive held on 06 January 2020 entitled Remodelled Ferneham Hall Planning Application

Report to the meeting of the Executive held on 03 August 2020
entitled Covid-19 Community Recovery Plan

Report to the meeting of the Executive held on 07 September 2020
entitled Covid-19 Emergency Revised 2020/21 Budget and Financial
Recovery Plan

Report to the meeting of the Executive held on 02 November 2020 entitled
Covid-19 impact on new Arts and Entertainment Venue Project

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Report to Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

Date: 29 September 2021
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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2021/22
Decision No.
2293

**Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for
Leisure and Community**
Friday, 20 August 2021

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Funding Application - Abshot Community Association
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 Funding Programme.

An application for Community Funding has been received from Abshot Community Association for the sum of £15,000 to contribute towards their project to replace the flooring of the Main Hall at Abshot Community Centre.

Abshot Community Centre remains a popular community facility, despite a fall in hall hire last year as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Its Main Hall is used for children's parties, the annual pantomime performance, mother and toddler groups, acting classes and exercise groups, among many. The Association leases the facility from Fareham Borough Council and within the Lease retains the responsibility for the maintenance of the flooring.

The floor of the Main Hall is currently in a very poor state due to its age. The surface is breaking up in several places, causing a health and safety concern.

The replacement of the flooring has been costed at £38,932.80 (including VAT). This includes the lifting and disposing of the existing linoleum flooring, preparation and levelling of the surface, and the fitting and heat welding of a new Polysafe Acoustic floor covering.

The Association investigated whether a sprung floor or wooden floor would be more appropriate, but these options proved not to be financially viable.

The Association's accounts of 2020 list a balance of £20,749 at the close of the year. This represents an increase from the previous year which is attributable to the Association receiving £11,334 of central Government funding, administered by Fareham Borough Council, to compensate for the enforced closure of the Community Centre due to Covid-19. The Association is requesting £15,000 from the Community Fund towards this project, has a current funding application to the National Lottery for £5,000 and will cover the remaining amount from their own accounts. If the National Lottery application proves unsuccessful, the Sovereign Club, which uses the Community Centre premises, has agreed to cover any shortfall for the project.

Titchfield Common Ward Councillor, Sarah Pankhurst, has confirmed her support of this application. No views have been received from Ward Councillor Englefield.

Options Considered:

The Executive Member for Leisure and Community considered the contents of the report.

Decision:

RESOLVED that: -

- a) the application for £15,000 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund submitted by Abshot Community Association, towards their project to replace the flooring of the Main Hall of Abshot Community Centre, be approved; and
- b) the award be subject to the monitoring of the project by Council Officers upon completion and no more than 2 months from commencement of the project, to ensure that the flooring has been installed to a suitable standard for a community facility.

Reason:

This application meets the Community Fund criteria for financial support for community capital projects.

Confirmed as a true record:

Friday, 20 August 2021

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2020/21
Decision No.
2271

**Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for
Leisure and Community**
Wednesday, 26 May 2021

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application - 3rd Portchester Scouts
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 Funding programme.

An application has been received from 3rd Portchester Scouts, for £4,999 from the Community Fund to extend its fleet to include kayaks that incorporate stowage, to enable the completion of expeditions, and paddleboards to extend the experiences that the Scout Group is able to offer.

The Scout Group is based at Cobham Hall in White Hart Lane and currently has 88 scout members, 75 percent of which live within the Borough of Fareham. They have an agreement with Portchester Sailing Club to facilitate safe storage of all their watercraft and also to enable the Sailing Club to access the equipment for its members. In this manner, the Scouts’ watercraft has also been used for the Royal Yacht Association’s ‘Push The Boat Out’ water sports taster day for the community.

In normal years, the Scout Group provides taster canoeing sessions for neighbouring land-based scout groups. They have also offered to commit to providing kayaking and paddle boarding taster sessions as part of the Council’s ‘Access All Areas’ summer activities for young people.

The Scout Group is a British Canoeing affiliated club and is able to deliver National Governing Body qualifications in watercraft.

The Scout Group has negotiated a significant discount with retailers, bringing the total cost for 6 kayaks, 20 paddle boards, oars and protective socks to a total of £10,504.63.

As of the close of 2020, the Scout Group listed £55,862 in its accounts, with expenditure for the previous year (prior to Covid-19) being £71,940.

The Scout Group has also applied to the Royal Naval Admiralty Fund for a

contribution of up to £5,000 towards the project, with any shortfall for the project anticipated to be funded by the Group's reserves.

The group has not received any further Community funding from Fareham Borough Council since their application for improvements to Cobden Hall in May 2015.

Ward Councillors are supportive of the application.

Options Considered:

The Executive Member for Leisure and Community considered the contents of the report.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the application from 3rd Portchester Scouts for £4,999 from the Community Fund to extend its fleet to include kayaks that incorporate stowage and paddleboards be approved.

Reason:

This application meets the Community Fund criteria for financial support for community capital projects.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor Mrs S Walker (Executive Member for Leisure and Community)
Wednesday, 26 May 2021



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2021/22
Decision No.
2290

**Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for
Leisure and Community**
Wednesday, 21 July 2021

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application - Locks Heath Colts Cricket Club
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 Funding Programme.

An application for Community Funding has been received from Locks Heath Colts Cricket Club for the sum of £2,244.99 to purchase an additional mobile cricket practice tunnel with net.

The Colts is a popular local sporting Club, which aims to 'To foster and promote the sport of cricket at all levels within the community and within the sport, providing opportunities for recreation, coaching and competition.' The Club meets at Locks Heath Recreation Ground and is a member organisation of the Locks Heath Sports and Social Club which leases the Recreation Ground from the Council. Despite its link to the Sports and Social Club, the Locks Heath Colts Cricket Club has its own separate constitution and accounts.

The Colts has 160 members, aged between 5 and 18 years of age and currently has only 2 practice tunnels. They would like to purchase an additional netted tunnel to provide their members with sufficient opportunities to practice their bowling and batting skills. In addition, as the practice tunnels remain accessible to all on the Recreation Ground when not in use by the Club, the opportunities for local children and adults who are not members of the Club will also be increased.

The practice tunnel that the Club is seeking funding for is padded, rust-resistant and can be easily stored in winter when not in use. It would not require planning permission as it is a movable structure.

Streetscene, who oversee the management of Locks Heath Recreation Ground, have provided their consent for the Club to locate the practice tunnel on the Recreation Ground.

The cost of the practice tunnel is £2,244.99, including fitting.

As of the close of 2020, the Club listed £2,067.71 in its accounts, with expenditure for the previous year of £10,405.58 and income of £7,519.97. However, it is important to note that income from membership and events for that year was significantly reduced as a result of the restrictions imposed due to Covid-19.

Titchfield Common Ward Councillor, Sarah Pankhurst, has confirmed her support of this application. No views have been received from Ward Councillor Englefield.

Options Considered:

The Executive Member for Leisure and Community considered the contents of the report.

Decision:

That the application for £2,244.99 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund submitted by Locks Heath Colts Cricket Club, to purchase an additional mobile practice cricket tunnel with net to be located at Locks Heath Recreation Ground, be approved.

Reason:

This application meets the Community Fund criteria for financial support for community capital projects.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor Mrs S Walker (Executive Member for Leisure and Community)
Wednesday, 21 July 2021

