

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA

LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL

Date: Wednesday, 10 May 2023

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Members:

Councillor D G Foot (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Mrs S M Bayford

R Bird

M J Ford, JP

Miss T G Harper

Mrs K K Trott

Deputies: Ms C Bainbridge

Mrs P M Bryant



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 23 March 2023.

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. Cams Alders Vision - Conclusion (Pages 9 - 16)

To receive an Executive report to inform why the Cams Alders Vision is no longer a viable project and to request that the funding be diverted to help fund the Vision for Henry Cort, Fareham North-West.

7. Executive Business (Pages 17 - 18)

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) Voluntary Community Support Services (Pages 19 - 20)

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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BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Date: Thursday, 23 March 2023

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor D G Foot (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: R Bird, M J Ford, JP, Miss T G Harper and Mrs K K Trott

Also Present: Councillor Mrs S M Walker



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology of absence was received from Councillor Mrs S Bayford.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 28 February 2023 be signed and confirmed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made by the Chairman.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest received at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made this meeting.

6. VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

The Panel received a report by the Director of Leisure and Community on an Executive report, Voluntary Community Support Services, that reviews the current support that the Council funds for the voluntary sector and proposes a new approach for the period 2023-2026.

Officers highlighted a minor amendment to Appendix 1, Page 17, paragraph 18, of the report. The paragraph should read - *Any charitable organisation within Hampshire can become a member of Action Hampshire. Membership fees are dependent on the income of the group, with fees from £30 per year for organisations with a turnover of less than £50,000 to ~~£250~~ £150.00 per year for those with a turnover between £100,000 and £250,000 per year. Organisations with the greatest turnover, in excess of £500,000, pay a membership of £350 per year. Member benefits include.*

The Chairman addressed the Panel to express support for the new approach that, if approved by the Executive, will save the Council money whilst still providing a valuable service to the residents of Fareham.

The Executive Member for Leisure and Community, Councillor Mrs S Walker addressed the Panel to advise that a large number of volunteers have transferred over to Community First from the previous charity, One Community and that the staff from One Community who worked in Fareham, have been personally thanked for all their support and dedication to the residents of the Borough.

RESOLVED that the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel: -

- a) note the contents of the report attached at appendix 1; and
- b) considered any comments/recommendations to pass to the Executive for consideration at their meeting on the 03 April 2023.

7. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

(1) Community Fund Application - Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club

Members noted the Executive decision.

(2) Citizens Advice Fareham - Service Level Agreement

Members noted the Executive decision.

(3) 50th Anniversary of the Borough of Fareham

Members noted the Executive decision.

(4) The Kings Coronation Proposals

Members enquired about the amount of interest that had been received from residents purchasing a commemorative Coronation mug. Councillor Mrs S Walker advised that over 1000 mugs have been ordered to meet demand and it is likely that another order will be placed as residents continue to register interests in purchasing the mugs from the Council.

8. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

The Chairman asked Members of the Panel to consider the Scrutiny Priorities. Members did not have any priorities to consider at this time.

RESOLVED that the Panel considered the priorities for the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel.

(The meeting started at 5.00 pm
and ended at 5.16 pm).

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Report to Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

Date: 10 May 2023
Report of: Director of Leisure and Community
Subject: CAMS ALDERS VISION

SUMMARY

This report to the Executive is to inform why the Vision for Cams Alders Vision is no longer a viable project and to request that the funding that had been identified to improving the community sports facilities at Cams Alders Recreation Ground, be diverted to help fund the Vision for Henry Cort, Fareham North-West.

The Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel are asked to consider any comments or recommendations to pass to the Executive for consideration at their meeting on the 15 May 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

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

- a) note the contents of the report attached at appendix 1; and
- b) consider any comments/recommendations to pass to the Executive for consideration at their meeting on the 15 May 2023.

Enquiries:

For further information on this report please contact. Emma Bowler, Leisure and Community Manager. Tel; 01329 824440

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Report to the Executive for Decision 15 May 2023

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Cams Alders Vision – Conclusion
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priorities:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun Strong, Safe, Inclusive and Healthy Communities

Purpose:
To inform the Executive of the outcome of the Vision for Cams Alders Recreation Ground.

Executive summary:

Cams Alders Recreation Ground is situated in South Fareham and is one of the largest open space areas for formal outdoor sport in the Council's ownership. The site is approximately 14 hectares with sports pitches and a mix of built facilities.

In 2014 the Executive approved the establishment of a steering group to develop a vision for new and improved community sports facilities and enhancements to the public open space at Cams Alders Recreation Ground.

Following the completion of a feasibility study and consultation with user groups and the Public, the Working Group drafted a proposal to construct new sports facilities to meet the needs of the sports clubs and the local community.

The proposal was based on the pooling of £1.76 million that the Council held in Section 106 developers' contributions for outdoor sports and recreation alongside the sports clubs applying for other funding from external bodies.

Despite many revisions of the proposals and significant time spent over the past 9 years to identify a Vision that would meet the requirements of the sports clubs and the Council, the Council's visions for improving the community sports facilities have not been able to align with the on-site sports clubs, concluding that the Cams Alders Vision is no longer a viable project.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

That the Executive:

- a) notes the contents of the report and agrees to conclude the Vision for Cams Alders.

Appendix 1 – Executive Report

- b) agrees to divert £1.75million of the Section 106 developers' contributions held for outdoor sports and recreation to help fund the Vision for Henry Cort, Fareham North – West.
- c) agrees to allocate £100,000 of the Section 106 developers' contributions for outdoor sports and recreation to fund the repairs to the roof and masonry of the Cams Alders Pavilion.

Reason:

To inform the Executive of the outcome of the Vision for Cams Alders Recreation Ground.

Cost of proposals:

There is no cost to the Council to divert the funds specified from one project to another.

Background papers: [Report to the Executive for Decision - \(Head of Leisure and Community\) -07 July 2014 \(fareham.gov.uk\)](#)

Reference papers: [Report to the Executive for Decision – \(Deputy Chief Executive\) - 2nd July 2022](#)

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Executive Briefing Paper

Date:	15 May 2023
Subject:	Cams Alders Vision – Conclusion
Briefing by:	Director of Leisure and Community
Portfolio:	Leisure and Community

INTRODUCTION

1. In 2014 the Executive approved the establishment of a steering group to develop a vision for new and improved sports facilities and enhancements to the public open space at Cams Alders Recreation Ground.
2. Following the completion of a feasibility study and consultation with user groups and the Public, the Working Group drafted a proposal to construct new sports facilities to meet the needs of the sports clubs and the local community.
3. The proposal was based on the pooling of £1.76 million that the Council held in Section 106 developers' contributions for outdoor recreation, alongside funding that the sports clubs could potentially apply for from external bodies.
4. Despite having an active involvement in developing this vision, Fareham Town Football Club withdrew their support at a very late stage of planning and declined to allow the land leased to them to be included in the plans.
5. Following this alteration to the options that were available for the improvement of the site and its facilities, consideration was given to a revised vision. This provided an amended layout of new facilities on the area south of the site only; the land leased to Fareham Heathens Rugby Football Club.

OVERVIEW OF REVISIONS

6. The Fareham Heathens Rugby Football Club was consulted in March 2021 regarding the revised proposal for the Council to fund new changing rooms and pitch drainage at Cams Alders Recreation Ground. Although this scenario offered a great improvement to the Club's core facilities, there were several disadvantages that the Club could perceive.
7. Firstly, the plan would necessitate the Club surrendering their lease on the existing Pavilion which houses the clubhouse and changing rooms. The current lease offers them the right of renewal when the lease expires in 2029. The plan would also require the Club to accept ultimate responsibility for maintaining the clubhouse element and funding the

new clubhouse facility. Various options were considered, they ranged from £120,000 for a portacabin style facility to approximately £400,000 for a brick-built clubhouse.

8. Although the Club had been offered much support to access external funding, since the Covid-19, pandemic funding opportunities were fewer, making this an even greater challenge. Two of the Club's key concerns were the limited timescale to fundraise for a clubhouse and the Council's confirmation that a facility that combined the changing rooms and a clubhouse in the same building was not something that the Council would be prepared to meet the cost of.

CONCLUSION OF THE VISION

9. Despite the significant efforts made by all parties over a 9-year period, it became clear that the Council's vision and the requirements of the sports clubs did not align. As a result, the conclusion has been reached, that the Cams Alders Vision is no longer a viable project.

CONTINUING SUPPORT

10. Under the terms of the lease, the Council is obliged to undertake any necessary structural repairs to the Cams Alders Rugby Club Pavilion. During the remaining 6 years of the Club's lease, the Condition Report for this building indicates that anticipated further repairs to the roof and masonry are likely to cost in the region of £100,000.
11. The Council also has ongoing responsibility to maintain the rugby pitches at Cams Alders, with the Club having the ability to apply for external funding to make significant improvements to the pitch drainage.
12. The Club will continue to receive support from the Council to ensure that it meets its health and safety requirements and is aware of funding opportunities to improve the facilities.
13. The conclusion of the Cams Alders Vision provides the Council with the opportunity to consider its priorities and determine which projects would benefit the most in terms of community value through the reallocation of the section 106 funding.

UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUNDING

14. The government launched its UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) in 2022, as part of its Levelling Up agenda, providing £2.6 billion of funding intended to reduce inequalities between communities. Fareham Borough Council has been allocated a total of £1m.
15. In July 2022, the Council submitted a plan outlining how this funding would be used to reduce inequalities. One of the proposals contained within the plan focussed on investment in the Fareham North-West area of Fareham, an area featuring on the Indices of Multiple Deprivation.
16. The proposal considered a community-led approach to investment in this area of deprivation to level up the provision of community facilities, sports facilities, and amenity space, together with the delivery of new affordable homes.
17. The project was supported by the government, and as a result officers are working on plans to secure the engagement of stakeholders and the wider community. The aim of

the project is to develop facilities and housing that meets the needs of this community.

18. Because of the demographics and facilities within this area, the 'Fareham North-West Vision' has the potential to attract funding from various streams, including those focussing on relieving financial deprivation and enabling sports development. The identification of external funding will be an integral part of this project, making it achievable and enabling the addition of elements of increased value for the community.

REALLOCATION OF SECTION 106 FUNDING

19. The ability to attract external funding for a project is reliant on the development of a clear vision that fits comfortably with the priorities of the funding organisation and can be greatly improved by the level of resources that have already been allocated towards making the project successful.
20. It is for this reason that this report proposes the reallocation of the section 106 monies that were initially allocated to the Cams Alders Vision to the Vision for Fareham North - West.

CONCLUSION

21. The Cams Alders Vision set out plans to improve the community sports facilities and enhance the open space at Cams Alders Recreation Ground. Despite the best efforts of relevant parties, the aspirations of the Council and the sports clubs have not been able to align.
22. The area of Fareham North-West is in great need of improved community and sports facilities. The Council has successfully secured an amount of funding through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the project will be reliant on the ability to attract further external funding.
23. The re-allocation of the section 106 monies ring-fenced for the Cams Alders Vision to the Vision for Fareham North-West will help to improve the ability to attract external funding for the project.

Enquiries:

For further information on this report please contact Emma Watts, Leisure and Community Manager on 01329 824440 or Claire Benfield, Leisure and Community Officer, on 01329 824495.

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Report to Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

Date: 10 May 2023
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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2022/23
Decision No.
2428

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 3 April 2023

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Voluntary Community Support Services
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

To review the current support that the Council funds for the voluntary sector, consider alternative means of support that is available across the Borough and propose a new approach to securing this valued support for the period 2023-2026.

Fareham Borough Council recognises the tremendous value of the voluntary sector throughout the Borough. To ensure local charities and voluntary organisations are thriving to the best of their abilities, the Council funds the provision of support around the 'Big 3' of governance, volunteering and funding. For the last 7 years One Community has provided this service on behalf of the Council.

One Community's current contract expires on 31 March 2023

The report reviews the support that has been provided for the voluntary sector in recent years and proposes a new approach to securing this support for the period 2023 -2026.

Options Considered:

The comments of the Leisure & Community Scrutiny panel were taken into account in considering this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves the following annual allocations and commitments for the next 3-year period:

- (a) the allocation of £7,500 from the Community Fund budget to which local charitable organisations can apply to secure their first year's membership to Action Hampshire and /or access their specialist advice around a governance issue of particular concern, with the applications for these grants being agreed by the Executive Member for Leisure and Community;

- (b) the award of a grant agreement to Communities First Wessex for £10,000 for the provision of support around securing and retaining volunteers;
- (c) the development of a new Council webpage providing clear links to support around governance, volunteering and funding for charitable organisations, with a one-off allocation of £2,000 for the development of the webpage and promotion of the new package of services; and
- (d) the allocation of £2,000 for the planning and delivery by Communities First Wessex of an annual Community Showcase event, to celebrate the local voluntary sector and encourage networking between organisations that are located within the Borough and provide a service to the residents of Fareham.

Reason:

To enable the Borough's voluntary and community sector to access support to thrive to the best of its ability.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

Monday, 3 April 2023