

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

held at

The Council Chamber

Symington Building, Adam & Eve Street, Market Harborough, LE16 7AG

on 1st September 2022

Commencing at 6.30pm.

Present:

Councillor Nunn, Chairman

Councillors: Bilbie, Dr Bremner, James, Mrs Page (ex officio) and Mrs Simpson

Apologies: Councillors Mrs Ackerley, Hollick, Johnson and Mrs Robinson

Officers: J. Evans, R. Felts, and S. Hamilton

Guest: D. Rushton - SLC

Guest remote: C. Ladwa - SLC

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs Ackerley, who was substituted by Councillor Dr Bremner, from Councillor Hollick, and from Cllr Johnson who was substituted by Councillor James, and from Cllr Mrs Robinson.

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs Page declared that she is a member of the Lutterworth Leisure Centre.

MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Panel held on the 28th July 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

LEISURE PROCURMENT STRATEGY

Jacqui Evans, Director for Communities and Wellbeing Partnerships introduced the draft Leisure Procurement Strategy, which also provided background information into the current market for Leisure provision.

In September 2021, the Cabinet agreed to proceed with the redevelopment of the Leisure Service Provision. The Council commissioned The Sport, Leisure and Culture Consultancy (SLC) to support the procurement process which is being led by an internal Leisure Project Team and Project Board.

Appendix A to the report set out the Procurement Strategy, and David Rushton of SLC provided a comprehensive overview to the Panel.

The Panel asked a significant number of questions and made observations on a number of areas within the procurement strategy including the maintenance of income for the Council; the need to increase swimming capacity at the Market Harborough leisure centre; the type of consultation undertaken with users of both leisure centres; the availability of additional funding streams; the procurement procedure, affordability and the 'shadow bid' being developed; concerns relating to the energy crisis and the adoption of a shared risk approach to the cost of utilities; the ability to re-negotiate the contract; maintenance risk and the evaluation of price versus the quality weighting.

The Panel thanked the David Rushton of SLC for the comprehensive discussion on the draft strategy and for clearly answering their queries and concerns.

The Panel REVIEWED and INPUTTED into the draft Leisure Procurement Strategy.

URGENT BUSINESS

There was none.

The meeting finished at 8.00 pm