



RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL

LEISURE AND YOUTH POLICY AND REVIEW PANEL

*at the Council Offices, Farnborough on
Monday, 7th November, 2016 at 7.00 pm*

To:

Cllr Liz Corps (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs. D.B. Bedford (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr T.D. Bridgeman
Cllr P.I.C. Crerar
Cllr Sue Dibble
Cllr R.L.G. Dibbs
Cllr J.H. Marsh
Cllr M.L. Sheehan
Cllr L.A. Taylor

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A G E N D A

1. **MINUTES – (Pages 1 - 2)**

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th September, 2016 (copy attached).

2. **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP –**

To receive a presentation from Ms. Jane Armstrong, Chair of the Children and Young People's Partnership, on the activities and working arrangements of the partnership.

3. **LIDO REVIEW UPDATE – (Pages 3 - 6)**

To receive an update on the current work of the Lido Working Group and to update Members on the recent soft market testing work carried out over the summer. A copy of the minutes from the last Lido Working Group are attached for reference.

4. **FOOTBALL CLUBS –**

To receive an update from Corporate Director, Mr. Ian Harrison on the current position with Aldershot Town Football Club and Farnborough Football Club.

5. **WORK PROGRAMME – (Pages 7 - 14)**

To review the Panel's current work programme (copy attached), and to agree priorities where necessary.

MEETING REPRESENTATION

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LEISURE AND YOUTH POLICY AND REVIEW PANEL

Meeting held on Monday, 5th September, 2016 at the Empire, Aldershot at 7.00 p.m.

Voting Members

Cr. Liz Corps (Chairman)
Cr. Mrs. D.B. Bedford (Vice-Chairman)

Cr. T.D. Bridgeman
Cr. P.I.C. Crerar
Cr. Sue Dibble

Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs

Cr. J.H. Marsh
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Cr. L.A. Taylor

9. MINUTES –

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th June, 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

It was **NOTED** that a report on the changes at Connaught Leisure Centre would be prepared for the Cabinet meeting on 20th September, 2016.

10. THE EMPIRE –

The Panel welcomed Mr. Justin Coll, General Manager of the Empire, who gave an overview of the Empire's working arrangements and activities followed by a tour of the building.

It was noted that the building had been built primarily as a cinema in 1930 and also had a large stage and Compton organ, allowing for a variety of events. The organ had been removed in the 1960's and the cinema was renamed the Odeon Empire in 1964. The Odeon Empire had closed in 1981 when the building had been taken over by a Christian organisation and renamed the Kings Centre. In 2015, a local property company had bought the building and sub leased it for 15 years to PRB Aldershot, which was using the building as an entertainment venue hosting a variety of events.

Since taking over in 2015, PRB Aldershot had installed a large projector, screen and sound system for film showings, installed a bar in the main auditorium and started to redecorate the interior of the building, amongst other things. The first floor had been converted into a Korean restaurant and the top floor had been leased as a Hindu Temple for worship.

Events could be held in the main auditorium, which had a capacity of 800 seated, or 990 standing. Events could also be held in the smaller hall which had a capacity of 150. Events included wedding parties, charity

events, private screenings and corporate events. It was noted that both the Police and the NHS had hired the smaller hall for events. The Panel was informed that the size of the venue had been more suited to the larger events hosted within the Nepali community and the venue was booked out, for most weekends, up to the end of the year. A kitchen was located underneath the stage and was used to cater for events.

It was advised that an enquiry had been made regarding installing an original Compton organ, from the Plymouth ABC, at the venue. It was noted that this organ was orchestra ready and had featured on the BBC in its own show. The installation of the organ would provide further scope for events at the venue.

In response to a query, it was noted that only the ground floor of the building had disabled access and the installation of a lift would be costly considering the structure of the building. However, the thick walls did provide excellent sound proofing for the venue. It was also noted that when hosting large events extra staff were employed to manage the large volume of visitors and barriers were erected to stop people walking into the road.

In response to a question about listing the building, it was noted that an application had been made to English Heritage several years earlier but it had been turned down.

Mr. Coll advised that, whilst it was well used, the venue was currently not making much of a profit, as the running costs, particularly the heating costs, were high.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Coll who then gave a tour of the building.

11. **WORK PROGRAMME –**

The Panel **NOTED** the current work programme, and were advised that the items on the Leisure Contracts, including the Lido Review, and the Football Clubs had been agreed.

It was **NOTED** that the membership of the Lido Working Group had been confirmed at the last mid cycle meeting of the Panel. The membership for the 2016/17 Municipal Year was confirmed as, the Chairman (Cr Liz Corps) and Crs. A.H. Crawford, A.R. Newell, M.J. Roberts, M.L. Sheehan and B.A. Thomas.

The meeting closed at 8.04 p.m.

CR. LIZ CORPS
CHAIRMAN

ALDERSHOT LIDO REVIEW

17TH OCTOBER 2016

Titchbourne Suite, Princes Hall, Aldershot at 6.00p.m.

Attendees – Cr. Mike Roberts, Cr. Maurice Sheehan, Cr. Liz Corps, Cr. Bruce Thomas (in the Chair) Cr. Alex Crawford, Anne Newton, Peter Amies, Dave Whitehouse, Ashley Sharpe and Adele Taylor.

Apologies – Cr. Adrian Newell

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING –

The minutes were agreed.

2. LIDO SOFT MARKETING TESTING EVENT –

Mr. Amies advised that due to other commitments the soft market testing work would be collated during November. It was advised that nine major companies had shown an interest and four of these had assisted in helping to shape the options on the way forward.

The options ranged from making relatively low cost changes to enhance the existing facilities – this would not have a significant impact on the numbers attending or the level of subsidy. The invest to save option, which could result in a revamp of the whole site would be more likely to extend the season, significantly increase the levels of usage and reduce the subsidy.

The invest to save option had been most popular with the companies who had attended the soft market testing event. There was a strong view that in order to significantly reduce the subsidy, consideration should be given to reducing the size of the cold water pool and introducing a heated pool area and to consider incorporating the indoor pools as part of any major development. The Council has commissioned a condition survey and lifecycle costs for the pools.

It was advised that an overhaul of the site would take up to 18 months to complete, subject to the scale of any new build and would have significant investment implications, with any loss of interest on investment needing to be considered.

Mr. Amies was preparing a paper summarising the soft market testing for consideration by the Working Group, Panel and Cabinet. A decision on the way forward would need to be made by the end of the 2016/17 financial year.

3. **2016 LIDO SEASON - UPDATE -**

Dave Whitehouse, Places for People (PfP) advised on the 2016 summer season at the Lido. Due to the excellent weather over the summer period, the season had been considered a success. Attendance figures had been in the region of 45,000, this was the same as 2014 and 2015 combined. August alone had seen 29,000 visits – more than the whole season for 2015.

Fast track queuing had been introduced for 2016; this allowed members and cardholders faster access. During August, PfP increased staff resources for the fast track lane due to high demand. Other new initiatives for 2016 were early morning lane swimming and an increased discount for military personnel and families, from 10% to 20% - the up take on this had not been as good as expected.

Social media had been used to promote the facility, Facebook likes had increased by 980% on the previous season and the website had seen almost double the hits than in previous years. Discounted tickets had been made available through Eagle Radio, which in turn increased the publicity for the Lido.

It was noted that Guildford Lido had been advertised at Aldershot Train Station. Consideration should be given to advertising with South West Trains/Network Rail in the future, both at the station and possibly on railway bridges.

It was reported that the Council had received its £20,000 as part of the profit share agreement with PfP; this made the Council £6,000 better off from the profit share deal over a two-year period.

It was advised that trends showed that after two – three days of good weather, visitor numbers increased. During 2016, water temperatures had reached 23-24°, the same temperature that the heated Guildford Lido. Good weather was a massive factor in producing a good season.

The Group discussed signage for the Lido and were advised of the restrictions imparted by Hampshire County Council (HCC) and the Highways department – this issue would however be raised again with HCC. It was reported that consideration was being given to Digital Advertising on the M3 near the Hawley Lane junction; if the scheme went ahead the Lido could be advertised on this platform.

4. **FOAL – UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL LIDO CONFERENCE –**

Cr. Crawford and Anne Newton, FOAL, reported on their visit to the National Lido Conference (see attached papers). It was noted that funding was being sought through “crowd funding” for a National Lido Guide, 30% of the amount required had been raised to date and anyone could contribute with a minimum of £30.

FOAL had also compiled a list of events, for consideration, for the 2017 season, these included; an outdoor cinema, fun days and an Aquathlon (running and swimming) event. It was agreed that a meeting would be set up to include PfP, RBC and FOAL to discuss these suggestions further.

5. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING -**

6. It was suggested that a date could be set in December, 2016 to review possible events for next season and an update on the soft market testing. A date would be confirmed in due course.

The meeting closed at 6.52p.m.

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LEISURE AND YOUTH POLICY AND REVIEW PANEL - WORK PROGRAMME

Set out below are the key issues which form the Panel’s on-going work programme. The topics covered reflect the following:

- the development of a new policy for recommendation to the Cabinet
- scrutiny of the process of the way in which decisions have been or are being made
- reviewing issues of concern to local people or which affect the Borough
- review of performance and delivery of specific services
- monitoring and scrutinising the activities of others
- items raised by Members and agreed by the Panel for consideration
- review of policies and proposals developed by others

The purpose of the work programme is to identify the way in which topics are being dealt with and the progress made with them. An update will be submitted to each meeting of the Panel. New issues are highlighted in the programme.

LEISURE AND YOUTH PORTFOLIO ACCOUNTABILITY AND AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

The terms of reference of the Panel will include all these issues contained in the Leisure and Youth portfolio. The functions set out in the Scheme of Delegation are:

<p>Leisure and Recreation Facilities</p> <p>To deal with all matters relating to the provision and management of leisure facilities and the improvement, repair and maintenance of all buildings and equipment in relation to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • parks, woodlands, recreational grounds, open space and play areas • allotments <p>sports and recreation initiatives (including childcare and play)</p> <p>To deal with matters relating to the management and operation of major leisure facilities owned and/or operated by the Council and to consider initiatives for the provision of new leisure facilities in the Borough. In particular, to examine issues in relation to:</p>	<p>To deal with all matters relating to leisure marketing, heritage and tourism.</p> <p>To deal with issues relating to the letting and monitoring of contracts relating to the functions in the portfolio.</p> <p>To develop, maintain and promote those services and facilities provided for the Borough and the wider area, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basingstoke Canal • Blackwater Valley Countryside Management Service
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aldershot Pools Complex and Lido • Alpine Snowsports Centre • Farnborough Leisure Centre • Princes Hall • Southwood Golf Course <p>To carry out the Council's functions in respect of consultative arrangements on library services and community schools.</p>	<p>To carry out the Council's functions relating to grounds maintenance, subject to contractual issues where the function is provided jointly with other services being dealt with through the Environment Portfolio.</p>
<p>Town Twinning</p> <p>To deal with the social and cultural aspects of town twinning.</p>	<p>Other Matters</p> <p>To deal with all matters relating to the administration and enforcement of the Council's byelaws relating to the functions of the portfolio.</p>
<p>Rushmoor in Bloom</p> <p>To deal with all matters, in consultation with the Rushmoor in Bloom Forum, relating to the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The annual Rushmoor in Bloom Competition, including promotion, publicity and sponsorship, programme of events and presentation of prizes; • participation in and arrangements for the Council's entry to the Southern England in Bloom Competition; • applications for commemorative floral displays. 	<p>To develop, implement and monitor the Council's strategies for addressing youth issues and the needs of young people in the Borough.</p> <p>To work with education providers to promote Life-long learning.</p>

WORK PROGRAMME – OBJECTIVES AND PROJECTS

INTRODUCTION

At the mid-cycle meeting held on 23rd August 2004, there was a preliminary discussion on developing the work of the Panel in context of the recent review of overview and scrutiny carried out by South East Employers. The meeting examined how to structure the future work and specifically dividing the Panel's work programme into three main types of issues:

- Ongoing items for monitoring and scrutiny including regular performance management information
- A limited number of projects for in depth investigation
- Items for information

In addition, requests can be made to discuss key decisions shown on the forward plan in advance of the relevant Cabinet or Council meeting.

PROJECTS DEVELOPED BY THE PANEL

The Panel agreed to identify 3 – 4 issues which would form major projects for the Panel. For each, a task and finish group has been established and the Panel was asked to agree the following:

- The objective of the project
- When it would be completed
- A lead member drawn from the Panel
- Members making up the task and finish group

There is also a regular discussion at the mid-cycle meeting on some of the major leisure developments that are being considered for the future.

SCRUTINY & PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

These items will be discussed on a regular basis by the Panel in order to monitor progress and identify any specific issues. It is proposed to develop a range of performance information which will then be reported to the Panel on a regular basis, i.e. every 4 – 6 months.

DATE RAISED	ISSUE AND DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC	PROCESS AND TIMETABLE	CURRENT POSITION	CONTACT (SERVICE MANAGER)
10.02.15	Lido Review	The Cabinet considered the report from the Head of Community and Environment on the work of the Lido Task and Finish Group and the recommended actions at its meeting on 10th February, 2015.	This work is ongoing and an update is being made at the meeting on 7th November, 2016.	Peter Amies, Head of Community and Environmental Services, Tel: (01252) 398750, Email: peter.amies@rushmoor.gov.uk
01.02.16		The Panel were updated on the ongoing work of the Lido Review Working Group and noted the way forward.		
08.09.14	Runways End	A meeting was held at Runways End where Members had a tour of the facility and received a presentation from the Centre Manager on the operational arrangements and plans for making the facility more accessible to the public in the future. Performance information was also provided to the Panel.	The arrangements at Runways End would continue to be monitored.	Peter Amies, Head of Community and Environmental Services, Tel: (01252) 398750, Email: peter.amies@rushmoor.gov.uk

08.06.15	Football Clubs	A meeting was held at Aldershot Town Football Club where Members had a tour of the facility and received a presentation from the current owners on working arrangements and activities. The presentation also included the Club's plans for the future.	Arrangements at the Aldershot Town Football Club would continue to be monitored.	Andrew Lloyd, Chief Executive Officer, Tel: (01252) 398396 Email: andrew.lloyd@rushmoor.gov.uk
26.09.16		An update would be given on the current position of the clubs at a future meeting.	Ian Harrison would provide an update at the November, 2016 meeting.	
21.04.16	Academies	At the Council meeting on 12st April 2016 the following Notice of Motion was referred to the Panel for consideration: "This Council supports the stand taken by all groups at the LGA over the academisation of all schools sought by Government as being neither relevant nor appropriate to the education, community involvement and educational outcomes for students at primary or secondary level in Hampshire and in Rushmoor and represents a manifest interference in the running of said schools."	A Member briefing on the consultation on the failure of Connaught School has been arranged for 19th September, 2016. A briefing paper is being prepared on the issue and this will examine the options of the school which includes the move to an academy.	Karen Edwards, Corporate Director Tel; (01252) 398800 Email: karen.edwards@rushmoor.gov.uk

06.06.16	Rushmoor Arts Hub	The Panel received a presentation from Mr. Tony McGovern, Project Manager and Mr. Barney Jeavons, Steering Group Chair of the Rushmoor Arts Hub who described the process of setting up the Hub and the funding opportunities for young people in the Borough.	The Panel requested that an update on the project be given at a future meeting.	Peter Amies, Head of Community and Environmental Services, Tel: (01252) 398750, Email: peter.amies@rushmoor.gov.uk
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INFORMATION ITEMS / ISSUES TO BE KEPT UNDER REVIEW

These following items are provided for the information of the Panel. They have been considered in the past and will be monitored from time to time to consider whether specific work is required:

- **Cultural Strategy** – The Panel has a monitoring and review role.
- **Southwood Community Centre** – The future of the Centre is being kept under review although in the short term the future of the Centre is assured. A report is to be made to the Panel when required.
- **Princes Hall** –The Panel will receive regular reports on performance and activities.
- **Farnborough Leisure Centre/ Aldershot Pools Complex/ Southwood Golf Course** – The Panel receives the Annual Service Reports from DC Leisure on these facilities to enable it to monitor activities and performance.
- **Southwood Woodland** – The Panel has been monitoring progress with the project and a report will be made once the planning process has been completed.
- **Alpine Snowsports** – The Panel will monitor performance and activities from time to time.
- **West End Centre** – The Panel will monitor operations at the centre and consider any changes if they are proposed.
- **Aldershot/Farnborough Libraries** – A report will be made to the Panel if any changes are proposed to the Libraries.

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SCHEDULE OF AGENDA ITEMS – 2016/17

7th November, 2016	Monitoring and Scrutiny <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and Young Peoples Partnership • Lido Review – Update • Football Clubs 	
23rd January, 2017	Monitoring and Scrutiny <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism • Allotments • Town Twinning 	
27th March, 2017	Monitoring and Scrutiny <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Halls and Community Centres • Playgrounds 	
Dates/Items to be confirmed	Monitoring and Scrutiny <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alpine Snowsports • Southwood Golf Club • Community Leisure • Academies • Leisure Contracts 	Panel Projects