

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

25th November 2010

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

Councillor Lemmon (Chairman), Councillor Hewlett (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Bale (substitute for Councillor Roberts), Mrs. Brown, Grant, Harrison, Mrs. Hood and Murray.

**Labour Group**

Councillors Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Lane, Rhind, Richards and Shepherd.

**In Attendance**

Councillors Atkin, Mrs. Farrington and Jones (Conservative Group).

HCS/29. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th October 2010, were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

HCS/30. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Harrison declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No. HCS/32, Melbourne Leisure Facilities, as he was Chairman of the Melbourne Sporting Partnership.

**MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**

HCS/31. **SPORT AND HEALTH STRATEGY**

A report was submitted informing Members about the objectives and targets set for South Derbyshire Sports 'Sport and Health Strategy'.

Details were provided on South Derbyshire Sport, which was a district-wide community sports network. It consisted of a wide range of partners who delivered, and had an interest in sport and health in the District, and developed initiatives and opportunities for the residents of South Derbyshire. The Strategy represented the combined work of all partners and organisations, who worked collectively to deliver sport and health opportunities across the District.

The 2011 – 2016 Strategy had four core areas. These were:-

- Young people participation and volunteering.
- Adult participation and volunteering.
- Facility Development.
- Reaching the community.

The Strategy provided the framework in which to support and enhance the sport and health offer, and maximise resources available from partners, to deliver the best value for money service in relation to sport and health.

The Strategy would be supervised and implemented by South Derbyshire Sport, who met on a quarterly basis and incorporated partners from sport and health at a local and County level, spanning public, private and voluntary agencies and individuals. Full details were provided on the Council's core budget and also funding provided by the key partners.

Officers were congratulated for providing a very comprehensive report, and it was requested that thanks be passed to the whole team who worked across the District.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the Sport and Health Strategy 2011 – 2016 be approved.***

HCS/32. **MELBOURNE LEISURE FACILITIES**

A report was submitted that provided a background to the feasibility works for the provision of improved leisure facilities in Melbourne, which had been progressing over the last 18 months. Two specific project proposals had been progressed and Members were asked to agree to the continued development of these projects.

Consultants had been commissioned to complete a feasibility study for the provision of improved leisure facilities in Melbourne. The study confirmed that although the ideal would be to have a purpose built facility, this was not achievable in the medium term, and only in the longer term (10 years plus), if a new secondary school were to be provided for the Melbourne area.

The practical approach for progressing the development of facilities was deemed to be through two specific projects:

- The development of Bill Shone/Melbourne Leisure Centre, as a cultural/community venue.
- The Development of Cockshut Lane Recreation Ground as a community sports facility.

The Bill Shone/Melbourne Leisure Centre was an old school owned by the District Council and leased by the Parish Council. It was used by community groups for a variety of activities but was under utilised and not fit for purpose as a leisure centre. The District Council had been renegotiating the Centre's lease with the Parish, and this had coincided with the local Melbourne Community Centre Group approaching the Parish Council to take on the lease and management of the Centre. Its aim was to develop the Centre into a vibrant cultural/arts centre for the whole community. A Project Group had been formed and was developing the proposal based on the Leisure Centre being leased to the Community Group. A consultant had been commissioned to produce a business plan to support the Group's proposal. Further work was continuing and once the full project proposal was completed it would be brought to a future Meeting for consideration.

With regards to Cockshut Lane Recreation Ground, a group called Melbourne Sporting Partnership had been revitalised and was developing a project for the development of a multi-sport club facility that would be owned and managed by a partnership organisation. Progress on the site had already started with £175,000 worth of investment, which involved levelling off a sports pitch, and would be a major improvement to the existing facility.

A design brief would be completed by March 2011, which would provide plans for a facility and pitch configuration, based on the needs of the clubs.

It was hoped that both projects would progress beyond the feasibility stage and be suitable for funding bids. Full financial implications were provided, and it was envisaged that both projects would require external funds to be delivered but both would be in a strong position to be successful in this process.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That progress achieved on the feasibility of providing improved leisure facilities in Melbourne be noted.***
- (2) That the proposal for development of a community multi sport club based at Cockshut Lane Recreation Ground be agreed.***
- (3) That the proposed plan to enable the Melbourne Community Centre Group to manage and develop the Bill Shone Leisure Centre be developed.***

(Councillor Harrison declared a prejudicial interest in this item and withdrew from the Meeting during the consideration and determination thereof).

HCS/33. **DERBYSHIRE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE HUB MODEL PROPOSAL**

It was reported that the current 'New to Exercise' scheme in South Derbyshire was designed to encourage people living with, or at risk of, a medical condition, to take part in a physical activity on a more regular basis to improve their health and quality of life. However, NHS Derbyshire County was seeking to agree a co-commissioning model for development of the 'Hub' proposal across Derbyshire to supersede the current 'New to Exercise' provision. NHS Derbyshire County felt that although there had been improvements over the past three years towards a more quality assured, standardised approach in line with national guidance, the current approach was not achieving best value, or the expected results.

Essentially the Hub model would widen existing provision offered through the scheme. Traditionally this was gym and swimming, but as this didn't appeal to everyone, the minimum offer had been extended to include self help opportunities, i.e. the use of pedometers and support at regular intervals by the Hub instructors, plus a wider range of physical activity opportunities, to include walking, gym, swimming, class/group exercise plus 2 other opportunities e.g. Nordic walking, dance, jogging, tai chi. In addition,

WaistWise would also be intertwined in the Hub model, and delivered by the 'New to Exercise' staff who would be trained to deliver a comprehensive weight management programme. The offer would also include Cardiac Rehab phase 4.

NHS Derbyshire County was striving to maintain the current funding allocation for New to Exercise and WaistWise. There was no uplift or new monies anticipated for 2011. However, 4% cost savings would need to be achieved in the future.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the transfer of the 'New to Exercise' referral scheme in South Derbyshire into the new County wide 'Healthy Lifestyle HUB model' be approved.***

HCS/34. **CULTURAL SINGLE IMPROVEMENT TOOL - ASSESSMENT**

Members were updated on the improvement journey that Leisure and Community Services had taken over the past 5 years, and the recent use of the Cultural Single Improvement Tool, self and external assessment and future improvement areas.

Full details were provided on the Division's progress from July 2005 to 2010. The Council and the Leisure and Community Services Division had made steady progress in a number of areas, which led to the service undertaking the newly developed Cultural Single Improvement Tool in the summer of 2010. Officers and partners completed a self-assessment, which illustrated that they considered that the service had achieved a level of 'excellence' in 7 themes and 'good' in two. The overall result being a score of 'excellent'. An external challenge of the findings was provided which included a peer assessment, and involved a two day visit from two senior Cultural Services Managers. At the end of the visit the assessors confirmed that the self-assessment score of 'excellent' was correct and the areas of strength and improvement had been identified correctly. Full details of the changes in the self-assessment score over the last five years were also included within the report.

Members requested that their congratulations be recorded to all staff concerned for their excellent work.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the self-assessment and external validation score be noted and the continuing improvement programme be approved.***

HCS/35. **INSTALLATION OF DIGITAL TV INFRASTRUCTURE EQUIPMENT IN PROPERTIES CURRENTLY SERVICED FROM A COMMUNAL TV AERIAL**

A report was submitted that detailed specific properties that were currently serviced from a communal TV aerial and required upgrading to receive digital TV signals.

Dependent on the digital service required, it was proposed that both tenant and leaseholders be charged reasonable costs for the enhanced Sky Digital Plus upgrade service. However, leaseholders would be charged the whole cost of the basic digital upgrade, unlike Housing Services tenants, which it was proposed would be funded by the Council. A list of properties affected was included with the report.

A budget of £95,000 was allocated by the Committee on 4th February 2010 for this work and, following a successful procurement exercise, Fusion 21, Commercial Television Systems (UK) was recommended to undertake the digital TV upgrade. The cost of the tender was £46,650 excluding scaffolding, which was anticipated to be in the region of £5,000 to £8,000. The balance of the budget would be utilised to ensure compliance with other works relevant to achieving the decent homes standard.

It was proposed to offer the upgraded access to Sky Digital Plus TV to all tenants and a charge of £40.00 would be made should they want this service. Any receipts from this would be credited back to the HRA reserves. The charge could with be made as a single payment or spread out over a specific period of time.

Leaseholders would be charged for the full connection, the basic digital upgrade of £110.00 per connection, with the option of a further charge of £40.00 should they wish to have upgraded access to Sky Digital Plus TV. Any receipts from this would also be credited back to the HRA reserves.

It was questioned whether Hall Farm Road and Hall Farm Close should have been included in the Annexe to the report. The Head of Housing agreed to look into this issue.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That the appointment of Commercial Television Systems (UK) Limited, to undertake the installation of digital television infrastructure equipment and cabling to specific properties, which are serviced by a communal TV aerial in preparation for the digital switch over during September 2011, be approved.***
- (2) That the budget allocated for the cost of upgrading to digital TV, as agreed at the Housing and Community Services Committee on 4th February 2010, be utilised and a charge be placed on tenants for the cost of the Sky Digital Plus upgrade element of the service, if requested.***
- (3) That the whole cost of one connection per leasehold property, either the basic digital upgrade element or together with the additional Sky Digital Plus upgrade (if requested by residents) be recharged in accordance with their leasehold agreement.***

HCS/36. **CORPORATE PLAN 2009 – 14 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (1st JULY – 30th APRIL 2010)**

A report was submitted detailing achievements for quarter ending 30th September 2010, in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009 – 2014. The Corporate Plan Action Plan consisted of four main themes, of which this Committee was responsible for actions and relevant performance indicators within, the 'Safe and Secure' and 'Lifestyle Choices' themes.

Within the report, an Appendix showed the progress made against the Corporate Plan actions and relevant performance indicators. Full details were provided on key achievements during the first quarter, performance indicators against targets, and performance indicators which were at risk of failure.

A Member registered disappointment that performance indicator HS003 – 'percentage of Telecare line calls answered within 30 seconds', was being reviewed and the target possibly lowered. He felt that 30 seconds was a reasonable period of time to expect calls to be answered, particularly as calls to Telecare lines were often emergencies.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That the Council's key achievements and performance for the quarter ending 30th September 2010 be noted.***
- (2) That where performance has failed to achieve the specified target and the response be noted.***

HCS/37. **ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Etwall Leisure Centre Joint Management Committee held on 27th April, 22nd June and 20th July 2009 and 18th January and 21st June 2010 be received.***

HCS/38. **WORK PROGRAMME**

Members were asked to consider the updated work programme and to review its content where appropriate.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the updated work programme be approved.***

HCS/39. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

**RESOLVED:-**

***That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder***

***of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.***

**ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
***(Paragraph 1 & 3)***

***The Exempt Minutes of the Etwall Leisure Centre Joint Management Committee Meetings held on 22nd June 2009 and 18th January 2010 were received.***

J. LEMMON

CHAIRMAN