

Customers and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Monday 6 September 2010

PRESENT:

Councillor Ball, in the Chair.

Councillor McDonald, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Beer, Berrow (substitute for Councillor Martin Leaves), Mrs Bragg, Delbridge, Mrs Nicholson, Smith and Vincent.

Co-opted Representative: Dr A Jellings.

Apology for absence: Councillor Martin Leaves.

Also in attendance: Pete Aley (Assistant Director for Safer Communities), Councillor Ian Bowyer (Cabinet Member for Finance, Property, People and Governance), James Coulton (Assistant Director for Culture, Sport and Leisure) and Tony Hopwood (Programme Director).

The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 5.00 pm.

Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

Welcome

The Chair welcomed Dr Anita Jellings to her first meeting of the panel as a co-opted representative.

23. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were made in accordance with the Code of Conduct in relation to items under discussion at this meeting –

Name	Subject	Reason	Interest
Councillor Mrs Beer	Minute 30 – Reporting of Police Authority Meetings	Employed by Devon and Cornwall Police	Personal
Dr Anita Jellings	Minute 27 – Life Centre and Related Projects Update	Employed by Plymouth University	Personal

24. **MINUTES**

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held 19 July 2010 are confirmed as a correct record.

CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

25. Use of Mobile Phones

The Chair reminded members of the Panel to switch off their mobile phones during the meeting.

26. TRACKING RESOLUTIONS AND FEEDBACK FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

The panel received for its information a copy of its tracking resolutions schedule.

The report was noted.

27. LIFE CENTRE AND RELATED PROJECTS UPDATE

The Director for Community Services submitted an update report on the Plymouth Life Centre and the leisure related projects programme. The update highlighted the following main areas –

- (a) programme governance;
- (b) programme work stream overview –
 - Plymouth Life Centre – progress
 - leisure management contract including the procurement timetable
 - ice and associated facilities
- (c) Project Manager's report.

The following responses were provided to questions raised by Members –

- (d) the inclement weather had not set back the construction stage of the project;
- (e) work was currently being undertaken to review the design of the transport hub, ascertain any cost savings associated with the redesign and engage with the planners; any delay with the transport hub would not adversely affect the delivery of the Life Centre;
- (f) discussions were not being held between the Plymouth Life Centre project team and Plymouth Argyle Football Club regarding the sale of the land;
- (g) an updated copy of the risk register would be provided at the next meeting in November 2010;

- (h) to achieve the 'BREEAM' target of excellent would be cost prohibitive;
- (i) it had been made clear from the outset of the project that there would be at least a 12 month gap in the service provision of the ice facility; a suitable location (preferably on Council owned land) was being sought;
- (j) the management of the ice facility had not been included within the leisure management contract due to the specialist nature of the service;
- (k) the tendering process for the re-provision and management of the ice facility would commence once a suitable site had been identified;
- (l) currently there was no proposal for the Council to own the ice facility, although this would be the subject of negotiations with the ice operator.

Agreed that –

- (1) a more detailed update would be provided to the panel at its meeting on 15 November 2010;
- (b) the leisure management contract would be scrutinised in January 2011 prior to the award of the contract.

(Dr A Jellings declared a personal interest in the above item).

28. **QUARTERLY SCRUTINY REPORT**

The panel considered its draft quarterly report.

Agreed that the report is submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

29. **TASK AND FINISH GROUP - ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN COMPTON VALE**

The Chair advised that the Task and Finish Group related to the Councillor Call for Action that he had submitted to the panel in 2009. For a number of years there had been problems with anti social behaviour and fly tipping in Compton Vale. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board had asked for a PID to be prepared and a Task and Finish Group held..

Agreed that –

- (1) the membership of the Task and Finish Group is –
 - Councillor Delbridge, Chair
 - Councillor Mrs Nicholson
- (2) nominations from the Labour Group are to be sought outside of the meeting.

30. **REPORTING OF POLICE AUTHORITY MEETINGS**

A proposal had been put forward for the panel to receive formal feedback from the Police Authority meetings. It was suggested that the new format of the Chief Constable's report which focused on the major relevant strategic issues was submitted to the panel.

Recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board that the Chief Constable's report of the Police Authority meetings in included on the panel's future agendas.

(Councillor Mrs Beer declared a personal interest in the above item).

31. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The panel considered its work programme for 2010/11.

Agreed that –

- (1) the Licensing Act (including the Cumulative Impact Policy Review 2011 is scrutinised at the panel's provisional meeting scheduled for 18 October 2010.
- (2) a written report on allotments is brought to the panel at its meeting in November;
- (3) the minutes of the Safe and Strong Theme Group are included on the work programme to be considered at the appropriate panel meetings.

32. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

Agreed that under Section 100(A) (2) and (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public are excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involve the likely disclosure of confidential/exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the (Local Government Access to Information) Act 1985, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

33. **LIFE CENTRE AND RELATED PROJECTS UPDATE**

There were no items on the Life Centre and related projects.