

# **Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Scrutiny Reviews)**

**Friday 3 July 2009**

## **PRESENT:**

Councillor Viney, in the Chair.  
Councillor Coker, Vice Chair.  
Councillors Delbridge, McDonald, Roberts and Smith.

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 3.15 pm.

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## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest in accordance with the code of conduct.

## **4. HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HOE FORESHORE**

The Principal Parks Manager introduced the report detailing the Health and Safety Improvements to the Hoe Foreshore. During the discussion the Committee noted the following points –

- (i) in the summer of 2007 works were completed on the Hoe Foreshore in order to address health and safety issues that had been identified in a previous risk assessment;
- (ii) photographs had been taken of the problem-areas identified along the Hoe Foreshore in order to show the extent of the damage;
- (iii) risks had been analysed and methods to address the issues were contained within the report;
- (iv) work that had been identified for repair had been costed and would start within 2-3 weeks;
- (v) on completion of the repair works the risk register would be reviewed and the risks rescored;
- (vi) risk assessments are normally undertaken after the winter months in order to assess potential damage from storms;
- (vii) it was anticipated that the sum of £134,486 would complete the necessary repair works to the Hoe Foreshore;
- (viii) the control measures implemented at Tinside diving pool prevent access to the diving stage, remove the ladder and erect fencing and signage were implemented last year;
- (ix) it was estimated that £50,000 would be required to re-open the Tinside diving pool with adequate safeguards; risks would be monitored;
- (x) damaged handrails would be replaced with a galvanised material which would have a durability of approximately 10 years;

- (xi) signage and fencing would be erected in extensively damaged areas of the Hoe Foreshore in order to warn people of the risks;
- (xii) the two concrete slabs on the Hoe Foreshore were not highlighted in the report as a risk; the possibility of displaying warning signs would be investigated.

Resolved that –

- 1) remedial work to the Tinside diving boards should be dealt with as a matter of urgency; and
- 2) the Panel undertakes a site visit in early August 2009 to assess the progress of works.

5. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.