

With regard to the Cannock Park gates, the Head of Culture and Major Projects reported that as a meeting of the Trustees of the Cannock Public Recreation and Pleasure Ground Charity had taken place Members were aware of the situation with regard to the gates.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July, 2006 be approved as a correct record.
- (B) That the scheme relating to improvements to the football field in Oxford Green be included in the list of uncommitted schemes considered as priority by the Select Committee.
- (C) That an update report regarding the scheme relating to improvements to the football field in Oxford Green be submitted to the Select Committee on 29 November, 2006.

13. Staffordshire Sports Development Forum – Year Six Survey

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Culture and Major Projects (Enclosure 4.1 – 4.7 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

With regard to the recommended 2 hours of PE per week, the Head of Culture and Major Projects advised that the Schools Partnership Manager would provide information on the PE structure in place at local schools and identify any areas for improvement.

RESOLVED:

That the findings of the Year Six Survey be noted and the baseline data be used to inform decision making in planning service delivery and priorities for Sports Development at a local level.

14. Playing Pitch Strategy

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Culture and Major Projects (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.32 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Arising from consideration of the report, Members considered that as football clubs and teams had difficulty in raising funds it would be beneficial for Officers to arrange a workshop for clubs and teams to attend in order that advice on funding opportunities could be provided.

Members noted the importance of reviewing the current Section 106 funding policy to support funding for pitch improvement.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the draft Playing Pitch Strategy for Cannock Chase District be noted.

- (B) That Cabinet be recommended to approve the Playing Pitch Strategy for consultation.
- (C) That a further report be submitted to the Culture and Sport Select Committee and Cabinet to consider the consultation responses and proposals for the finalisation and adoption of the above strategy.
- (D) That a Workshop providing advice on the funding opportunities for football clubs and teams be arranged.

15. Potential Partnership with Blake Valley Technology College

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Culture and Major Projects (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.7 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Arising from consideration of the report Members expressed concern that the current usage of Cannock Sports Stadium by various groups between Monday and Friday may not continue if the facility was located at Blake Valley Technology College as it was considered that the school would take priority. The Head of Culture and Major Projects assured Members that, at the appropriate time, a dual use agreement would be developed to deal with this issue.

Some Members had concern regarding the closure of Cannock Sports Stadium. The Committee was advised that the decision to close the Stadium had been approved by Council on 22 February, 2006. It was therefore necessary to provide a facility to replace the Stadium.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the proposed partnership between Cannock Chase Council and Blake Valley Technology College for the provision of a new athletic track and other facilities located at the Blake Valley Technology College be supported.
- (B) That Cabinet be recommended to approve in principle the proposed partnership between Cannock Chase Council and Blake Valley Technology College for the provision of a new athletics track and other facilities located at the College and to authorise officers to undertake the necessary work to develop the proposals.

16. Partnership Proposal with Cardinal Griffin Roman Catholic School

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Culture and Major Projects (Enclosure 7.1 – 7.7 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the proposed partnership between Cannock Chase Council and Cardinal Griffin Roman Catholic School for the provision of an artificial turf pitch at the Cardinal Griffin Roman Catholic School be supported.

- (B) That Cabinet be recommended to approve in principle the proposed partnership between Cannock Chase Council and Cardinal Griffin Roman Catholic School for the provision of an artificial turf pitch at the Cardinal Griffin Roman Catholic School and authorise officers to undertake the necessary work to develop the proposals.

17. Exclusion of Public

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3, Part I, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended).

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CULTURE AND SPORT SELECT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER, 2006 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 2

18. New Swimming Pool, Rugeley – Stage C Progress Report

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Head of Culture and Major Projects (Enclosure 9.1 – 9.8 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Members were advised that the next stage report (Stage D) which would contain the final definitive designs and plans for the scheme would be available on 15 September, 2006. Although this would be one week later than the projected date, there would be no impact on the end date for project completion.

Members of the Select Committee and Members of the Rugeley Swimming Pool Steering Group had participated in a site visit on 7 August 2006 of two pools designed by the appointed architect. Following the visit, the Architects had been asked to refine their final design alternative.

Copies of the plans of the preferred design alternative for the pool which had been progressed from the agreed Option 2 of the Feasibility Study Report were circulated for Members consideration.

Arising from consideration of the plans, concern was expressed regard the proposal for a changing village area to be incorporated into the design. However, it was considered that the changing village area would be beneficial particularly for families.

RESOLVED:

That the current position relating to the new Rugeley Swimming Pool be noted and Cabinet be recommended that the design alternative should be progressed to the next stage.

CHAIRMAN