

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**CULTURE AND SPORT SELECT COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY, 25 APRIL 2006 AT 4.00 P.M.**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**

**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors            Bennett, Mrs. D.J. (Chairman)  
   Williams, A. (Vice-Chairman)

Allen, F.W.C.                    Jones, Mrs. A.E.  
Beddows, J.                      Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.  
Easton, R.

(An apology for absence was received from Councillor M.R. Grocott (Culture and Sport Leader))

**34.    Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members**

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Williams, A.	Member of Rugeley Town Council	Personal
Williams, A.	Cannock Sports Stadium – Daughter is a Member of the Amateur Athletics Association	Personal

**35.    Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2006 be approved as a correct record.

**36.    Rugeley Swimming Pool – Initial Design Options**

Les Trigg, Deputy Chief Executive advised that, at the previous meeting of the Select Committee, there had been a request to circulate the initial design options for Rugeley Swimming Pool at this meeting. He informed Members that the draft diagrams that were available represented four potential options for costing purposes, rather than the illustrations of how the final design might look. The first option was the most basic and had the lowest cost and the other options were higher in costs but had a number of further enhancements. Members were informed that it was not considered appropriate to present these options to the Select Committee, however, when firmer designs were available they would be presented to Members at a future meeting. Mr. Trigg further advised that the detailed design work was currently out to tender.

Members requested that the proposed timetable for the development of Rugeley Swimming Pool be outlined for their information. Mr. Trigg reminded Members that the timetable had been submitted to the Select Committee at the meeting on 24 March 2006. However, he advised that the Select Committee were expected to be considering the outline designs in August 2006. In September 2006, Council would be asked to consider granting agreement to proceed and, subject to planning permission being granted, it was anticipated that work would commence on site in April 2007 with a completion date of March 2008. It was agreed that a further copy of the proposed timetable be circulated to all Members of the Select Committee for information.

Karen Bradford, Head of Culture and Major Projects informed Members that seven companies had tendered for the design work for the scheme. Part of the tender process required the companies to provide evidence of buildings/swimming pools they had previously developed. She stated that the photographs of swimming pools built by those companies submitting a tender could be provided for Members of the Select Committee.

Members noted that, as Rugeley Leisure Centre was already erected and the swimming pool would be an extension to this building, it was important to ensure that the chosen design option was the right one for Rugeley and the District as a whole. A Member suggested that visits to similar developments be undertaken.

Arising from the discussions, Members were advised that the basic specification was for a 25 metre six lane swimming pool. This size of pool would accommodate local and regional competitions. Members requested to be provided with computer aided images of the proposed building.

Members considered that it was important for the design of the swimming pool to incorporate energy efficiency features, for example, solar panels for lighting and heating. Karen Bradford stated that the energy efficiency issue was being investigated along with the grants that were available.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That firmer designs of Rugeley Swimming Pool be submitted to a future meeting the Select Committee when available.
- (B) That the proposed timetable for the development of Rugeley Swimming Pool be circulated to all Members of the Select Committee.
- (C) That photographs of swimming pools built by those companies submitting a tender be provided for Members of the Select Committee.
- (D) That computer aided images of the proposed design options be provided for Members of the Select Committee.

### **37. Work Programme 2006/07**

Karen Bradford outlined the importance of the Select Committee developing an effective Work Programme as a number of operational issues had been considered by the Select Committee at previous meetings.

She suggested the following issues be discussed at the next meeting for possible inclusion in the Work Programme for 2006/07:

- Draft Cultural Strategy
- Rugeley Swimming Pool Development
- Chase Leisure Village
- Playing Pitch Strategy

Arising from this, the shortage of football pitches in Norton Canes was discussed. Members were advised that the playing pitch strategy would investigate this issue and also outline the types of pitches required in the District.

Following this, Members discussed the request at a previous meeting for a report on the shortage of grave spaces at Cannock Cemetery to be submitted to a future meeting of the Select Committee. Members were advised that, as Cemeteries came under the Health Portfolio, it was appropriate that the report be submitted to the Health Select Committee for consideration.

A Member raised concern regarding the use of disused play areas within the Brereton area. He considered that the areas would be suitable for sports recreation. Karen Bradford stated she would look into this issue.

Members noted the importance of involving outside representatives, members of the public and users of leisure facilities in the work of the Select Committee.

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CHAIRMAN