



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

CULTURE AND PROSPERITY COMMISSION 21 MARCH 2005

Report of the Director of Corporate Services

Response of the Council Cabinet to the Commission's Revenue Budget Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To note the response of the Council Cabinet to the Commission's 2005/06 Revenue Budget Recommendations.
- 1.2 To not proceed with the use of Performance Eye for the purpose of monitoring usage and associated costs of playgrounds using Performance Eye.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 18 January 2005 the Culture and Prosperity Commission considered the Council's 2005/06 Draft Revenue Budget and made the following recommendations:
 1. To seek the views of the Social Care and Health Commission on the potential health impact on the local community of stopping the funding of the Normanton Park sports zone officer.
 2. To provide the Culture and Prosperity Commission with details of usage, location and the associated costs of any playgrounds, sporting facilities or other recreational areas in the City considered for closure and receive the Commission's subsequent comments.
 3. To allocate some of the £700k 2005/06 Public Priority Fund to:
 - a. Make provision for facilities where needed in the City for street sports such as hockey and skating.
 - b. Allocate £5k to counteract the inflationary effects on the book fund for which no provision has been made.
 - c. Provide a £20k grant fund for organisations that benefit all sections of the community by promoting arts and cultural activities across the City.

2.2 The Council Cabinet made the following response to the Commission's recommendations:

1. The Normanton Park officer was a specific requirement of the Lottery Commission/Sports Council. The management of sports activities is now being carried out by the Sports Recreation Division on an area basis.
2. The Director of Commercial Services will provide a report to a future meeting of the Culture and Prosperity Commission as requested.
3.
 - i. £150k was earmarked for youth facilities in 2004/5. This is only just being put into action and has met with some negative views in communities. It is proposed to review progress and processes during 2005/6 with a view to considering further investment in 2006/7.
 - ii. No action proposed.
 - iii. £70k ongoing was provided in 2004/5. £25k is proposed for a trial Christmas German Market

2.3 At the same meeting the Commission expressed concern that consideration had been given to the closure of five playgrounds across the City and Chaddesden Park paddling pool. Therefore the Commission had resolved to monitor usage and associated costs of playgrounds using Performance Eye.

There are currently no indicators on Performance Eye which relate to this area. If the Commission wishes to monitor the Council's performance within Sport and Leisure it will be necessary to add any appropriate Education Service indicators into Performance Eye.

However, since that meeting the Director of Commercial Services has agreed to provide a report as necessary to any future meeting of the Commission if further consideration is given to close any such facilities across the City.

The Commission may not at present wish to proceed with the use of Performance Eye for this purpose.

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. The financial implications of the Commission's recommendations are as detailed in the draft Revenue Budget 2005/06-2007/08.

Legal

2. None arising from this report.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. Adoption of the Commission's recommendations on the 2005/06 Draft Revenue Budget will benefit all Derby people.

Corporate Objectives and priorities for change

5. The Council's Revenue Budget relates to all the Corporate Objectives and Priorities for Change.

