

Time commenced - 6.00 pm
Time finished - 7.40 pm

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
11 FEBRUARY 2009

Present: Councillor Graves (in the Chair)
Councillors F Khan, Poulter and Webb

In attendance: Councillors Carr and Rawson

103/08 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Batey, Bolton, Hird, Hussain and Williams.

104/08 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were no late items

105/08 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

106/08 Call in

There were no items.

Items for Discussion

**107/08 Forward Plan Item 72/08 – Review of the Council's
Leisure Facilities**

The Commission considered a report from the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture on the Review of Leisure Facilities. Councillor Naitta, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture and Andrew Beddow – Head of Sport and Leisure addressed the Commission.

Councillor Webb commented that leisure centres were not the whole picture. He suggested that there were other sport and leisure activities around the city backed by national schemes, for example the England Indoor Bowls Association. Bowling greens were being closed down at an alarming rate. The national association could assist the Council in looking into indoor facilities. The amount of money spent in parks to maintain greens could be better spent setting up an indoor facility for this sport. This is something that could be done to provide a sport for all ages and could be done in partnership with the sports governing body, Sport England and the Council. The situation was similar for the England Table Tennis Association. The Derby and District Table Tennis Association had been looking for facilities and this could be looked at in partnership and be run by the association. This would be an opportunity the Council could take on for a wide range of

sports.

Councillor Naitta added that other sports had been forgotten such as weightlifting and it was important to include these sports in the feasibility study. Councillor Naitta continued that he expected high standards and he had been open in what the Council were doing with this study.

Councillor Graves asked what the Council expected the feasibility study to come up with. Councillor Naitta responded that this was not known. Paul Robinson – Corporate Director Environmental Services added that the feasibility study would be including Building Schools for the Future (BSF) and looking into the locations of sports facilities and whether current facilities were best placed.

Swimming pools lose money and the current provision was poor and old fashioned. Other cities had pools with a leisure element to them and this needed to be investigated. The study had to look at combining locations.

Councillor Graves commented that as the Council had a very good leisure department, why did the Council need to spend money getting someone else to do the study when the Council had competent officers.

Paul Robinson responded that he accepted that a large number of staff were capable, however the Council was looking at investing millions in leisure facilities. The study needed to look at the national picture and at new technologies in Europe. This element of the feasibility study required access to wider information, some of it commercially sensitive information the Council wouldn't be able to access.

Andrew Beddow added that one of the benefits of a consultant conducting the review was the additional expertise they would bring. The study would be complex, the Council wanted to provide facilities for the next generation.

Resolved to note the report.

108/08 Revised Asset Management Plan

The Commission received a presentation from Chris Edwards – Assistant Director, Property Services and Julie Basford - Asset Manager, on the revised asset management plan. The presentation covered:

- What asset management is and why the Council does it
- The role of the Corporate Asset Management Plan
- Achievements in 2008/9
- Key challenges for 2009/10 and beyond
- Consultation and engagement

Councillor Webb asked if there was opportunity within the plan when buildings were not fit for the Council's use that they could be handed over to sporting groups to take on. Chris Edwards responded that the government was pushing for this where possible. The Council did consider community use if a building becomes vacant. A good example of this was the sports facilities in Chapel Street.

Councillor Poulter asked when a review of markets would be carried out. Chris Edwards

responded that initially, city centre markets would be looked at. Councillor Poulter suggested that the amalgamation of the wholesale and cattle markets should be looked into. Chris Edwards said that this was a good suggestion and he would look into this.

Councillor Webb asked if there was a ward based list of buildings. Julie Basford responded that there wasn't a ward based list but they would be taking maps and lists to Neighbourhood meetings. Councillor Webb asked that ward councillors be provided with a copy of these.

Resolved to note the presentation.

109/08 Corporate Plan 2008-11 Updated Action Plan

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director of Resources asking the Commission to comment on the draft Corporate Plan action plan for 2009/10. The Commission suggested changes and asked for clarification on parts of the action plan. It was agreed that these would be referred to Council Cabinet for its consideration. The suggested changes were:

Ref	Page No	Description	Comments
2.1a	26	Create an appropriate coordination and delivery vehicle for economic development and regeneration	This should be reworded as it is not clear what is meant
2.1c	27	Extend the wireless network across the city, in particular, to help promote the Cathedral Quarter.	Re-word to 'city-centre' rather than 'city' Will this facility include security features, for example, to prevent people from looking at pornographic sites?
2.3c	31	Develop DerbyLive! to provide a sustainable model for performing arts in the city and support the amateur theatre community	Could the performance measure on 'premiere performance spaces' be defined? Include a reference to NI 11 – Engagement in Arts in the 'Other links' column An additional performance measure should be included to monitor audience figures for DerbyLive! productions.
4.1d	41	Improve the outcomes for most vulnerable groups	Re-word to 'improve educational outcomes for the most vulnerable groups'
5.2	53	Reduce under age alcohol consumption and smoking by increasing enforcement of under-age sales legislation	In light of the recent review of alcohol licensing, two additional measures should be included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The number of enforcement operations undertaken out of hours - The number of joint operations undertaken with partner organisations
5.3d	56	Increase the number of evidence based parenting programmes through the implementation of the parenting	An additional measure should be added to assess the quality of the programmes, for example, evaluation of effectiveness.

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Resolved to refer the suggested changes to the Corporate Plan Updated Action Plan to Council Cabinet for its consideration.

110/08 Minute of the Petitions Sub Commission meeting on 22 December

The Commission received the minutes of the Petitions Sub Commission which met on 22 December 2008 to consider a petition for a direct bus service from Alvaston/Allenton to the City Hospital.

Resolved to note the minutes of the Petitions Sub Commission.

111/08 Performance Eye

The Commission considered Performance Eye Quarter 2 data relating to the remit of the Scrutiny Management Commission. The Commission was asked to identify any items for consideration at a future meeting.

The follow items were identified:

NI184 – The Commission asked for further information on this indicator and if it was considered worthwhile to consider at a future meeting.

NI28 and NI29 – The report did not provide any data for these indicators. The Commission asked that information be provided on these indicators at the next meeting.

Resolved to request further information on NI184, NI28 and NI29.

112/08 Work Plan 2008/9

The Commission was provided with a draft copy of the Review of the Enforcement of the Council's Licensing Policy. The Commission was asked forward any comments on the report to David Romaine – Scrutiny and Complaints Manager, by the end of February. Councillor Webb suggested that a copy of the draft report be sent to the Chair of the General Licensing Committee.

David Romaine reported that the working group would meet at the end of February to consider comments made by the Commission. The final draft report would be presented to the Commission at its next meeting for approval.

Resolved to forward any comments on the draft report on the Review of the Enforcement of the Council's Licensing Policy to the Scrutiny and Complaints Manager by the end of February.

113/08 Forward Plan

There were no items Identified.

Resolved to note the report.

114/08 Retrospective Scrutiny

The Commission considered a report highlighting Council Cabinet key and budget and policy framework decisions that had been taken from 25 November 2008 – 13 January 2009. The Commission was asked to identify any decisions that they wished to scrutinise retrospectively.

Resolved to note the report and to inform the Co-ordination Officers of any Council Cabinet decisions on which they require more information.

115/08 Matters Referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

This item is considered at minute number 109/08.

116/08 Response of the Council Cabinet to Recommendations and Reports of the Commission

There were no items.

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