

Time commenced 6.00pm
Time finished 7.42pm

**NEIGHBOURHOODS COMMISSION
17 JANUARY 2012**

Present: Councillor Jackson (Chair)
Councillors Davis, Hillier, Rawson, Richards and Troup

69/11 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Keith

70/11 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

71/11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

72/11 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2011 were agreed as a correct record subject signed by the chair.

73/11 Call-in

There were no call-ins received for the commission to consider.

74/11 Multi Use Arena – Presentation of Plans

The Commission received a presentation on the plans for the multi use arena. Members asked various questions in relation to the materials the building would be made of, energy efficiency, rainwater harvesting, natural light and renewable energy.

It was noted that the land the arena would be built on had been a landfill site and therefore disposal of materials off site would be costly. The designers of the building had been involved in many of the developments on Pride Park and had therefore carried out a feasibility study on the structure of the building.

It was noted that the current estimated cost was around £52m. This compared with the cost of repairs to current buildings which was estimated at £38m.

Members of the Commission were concerned about displacement of parking, but this had been addressed in the travel plan for the facility in partnership with the football club. It was noted that there would not be any loss of parking in the area.

Resolved to note the update.

75/11 Tree Management Policy – Topic Review Scoping

The Commission considered the scope of the topic review on the tree management policy.

Resolved

- 1. To review the tree management policy to see what concerns Members had, the types of complaints received, how they could be addressed and what types of trees there should be in particular locations.**
- 2. To consider ways of educating the public and raising the awareness of the contents of the tree management policy as part of the review.**

76/11 Waste Management – Cardboard Collection

The Commission received an update on the latest position in relation to the recycling of cardboard. There had been some initial bedding in issues but the majority of these had been resolved. There had been the additional problem with high winds blowing litter and bags around, but the street cleansing crews had responded well. Commission Members put forward a number of suggestions on how collections could be made more efficient. Commission Members were reminded that the 'orange bags' were an interim measure until the new waste contract came into operation in 2015 and other options would be considered at that time.

Resolved to note the update.

77/11 Topic Review Updates

The Commission were reminded that the evidence gathering meeting for the Safety on School Transport topic review was due to take place on 19 January 2012. Following that meeting the recommendations would be written up with a view to them being signed off in early February 2012. In respect of the Multi Purpose Arena Topic Review visits to similar facilities would be arranged once the Safety on School Transport had been completed and then witness interviews would be arranged. It was anticipated that the recommendations would be considered by Council Cabinet in April 2012.

Resolved to note the report.

78/11 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items of retrospective scrutiny requested by the Commission.

79/11 Forward Plan

Item 72/10 'Transfer of the management of Allestree and Sinfin Golf Courses to a private operator' – a report would be considered by Council Cabinet at its next meeting.

Item 79/10 'Local Studies Library' – a report on the location of the local studies library was due back in mid January 2012.

Item 65/11 – 'Revocation on PM10 Air Quality Management Area' – the PM10 was being revoked due to the fact that the PM10 levels no longer exceeded accepted levels and therefore the area could no longer be treated as an Air Quality Management Area.

The Commission requested item 72/10 'transfer of the management of the Allestree and Sinfin Golf Courses to a private operator' to the next meeting.

80/11 Responses to any reports and enquiries of the Commission

There were no items.

81/11 Matters referred by the Council Cabinet

There were no items referred by the Council Cabinet.

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