

Time commenced 6.00pm
Time finished 7.52pm

**NEIGHBOURHOODS COMMISSION
6 MARCH 2012**

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

82/11 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Keith

83/11 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

84/11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

85/11 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

86/11 Call-in

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

87/11 London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

A report from the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods was considered. The report detailed the main areas of funding in which the council was involved. This included £10,000 per year to fund a three-year part-time Derbyshire 2012 Coordinator post, and a £63,000 contribution to the Games Time Programme. It was explained that £50,000 of this had been allocated from a VAT refund that the council had received. In addition, Cabinet had approved a £150,000 investment in activities surrounding the arrival of the Olympic Torch on Friday, 29 June, though previous activities of this scale had generated economic benefit to the city of around £1.2m.

It was also reported that the council had received £30,000 in funding from the London Organising Committee for dressing the Market Place as the allocated 'Live Site' for the Olympic Torch relay event.

This was accompanied by a presentation by the Director of Leisure and Culture who provided more detail on the sorts of events that would take place. It was explained that the council sought to make a whole weekend of celebrations, concluding in the Darley Park Concert event, which had been brought forward from its usual date to take place on Sunday, 1 July. It was reported that anywhere between 15,000 and 30,000 people would be expected at the event, depending on the weather.

Resolved to note the report.

88/11 Golf Course Management

The Commission considered a report from the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods updating members on the situation regarding the contract for managing Sinfyn and Allestree golf courses. It was explained that it had not been possible so far to reach agreement with Mack Trading Limited, which had been selected by Cabinet as the preferred bidder following a tender process.

The Director of Leisure and Culture explained that a report would be taken to a future Council Cabinet meeting detailing the options available to the council. Members sought clarification on whether agreement could still be reached with Mack Trading Limited. It was explained that this remained a possibility. Members also sought assurances that residents had been consulted and would continue to be informed.

Resolved to:

- 1. Note the report;**
- 2. Note that officers would be presenting a full appraisal of options to a future Council Cabinet meeting;**
- 3. Note that courses would continue to be managed in-house by the council during the interim period;**
- 4. Note that an interim 12-month golf development plan would be presented to a future Council Cabinet meeting for approval;**
- 5. Recommend to Council Cabinet that residents and relevant local groups are properly consulted on any future proposals.**

89/11 Trading Standards

A report by the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods was considered. The report had been requested by the Commission. The report detailed the range of activities the Trading Section division was involved in food and agriculture standards, weights and measures, fair trading, product safety, animal health, age-restricted products and petroleum licensing.

Resolved to note the report.

90/11 Topic Review: Safety on School Transport

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer briefed members on a report that had been prepared summarising the findings of the topic review. The report set out the aims and objectives, methodology and evidence that had been gathered during the process.

Resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that:

- 1. Appropriate transport policies and guidance should be amended to include a requirement for vehicles with seatbelts to be used in the transportation of children on transport provided for school trips or educational visits, with the exclusion of public transport services, such as trains or buses.**
- 2. Appropriate home to school transport policies and guidance should be amended to include a recommendation that children do not sit in the rear facing seats in taxis where these seats do not have seatbelts.**
- 3. The tender for the swimming transport contract should included a requirement for all vehicles used to be fitted with seatbelts.**
- 4. Negotiations should commence with the current swimming transport contractor to enable a trial of using vehicles with seatbelts in order to assess timescales in transporting children to and from swimming lessons.**

91/11 Topic Review Updated: Tree Management Policy and Multi-purpose Arena

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer explained that time limitations and a lack of scheduled meetings would create a challenge in the commission completing both reviews and considering a report in time for its recommendations to be considered by Council Cabinet. The commission was told that it would be possible for an extraordinary meeting of the commission to be arranged but that the scheduled meeting dates for Council Cabinet would nonetheless make it difficult for its recommendations to be considered by Council Cabinet before the new municipal year.

Resolved to:

- 1. Seek to convene a further meeting of the commission before the end of the municipal year to consider recommendations of the outstanding topic reviews.**
- 2. In the event that the commission is unable to convene a quorate meeting before the end of the municipal year, to delegate responsibility for finalising the commission's recommendations to Council Cabinet at the conclusion of the reviews to the Overview and Scrutiny Officer, having consulted the Chair.**

92/11 Retrospective Scrutiny

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

93/11 Forward Plan

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer provided copies of the Forward Plan and highlighted relevant items due to be considered by Council Cabinet.

Resolved to note the Forward Plan.

94/11 Responses to any reports and enquiries of the Commission

There were no items.

95/11 Matters referred by the Council Cabinet

There were no items referred by the Council Cabinet.

MINUTES END