

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Leisure Facilities Cabinet Sub-Committee**
held on Thursday, 8th October, 2009 at The Board Room, Town Hall,
Macclesfield, SK10 1DX

Present

Cabinet Sub-Committee Members:

Councillor Andrew Knowles (in the Chair)
Councillor Roland Domleo
Councillor Frank Keegan

Advisory Members:

Councillor Ainsley Arnold
Councillor Terry Beard (substitute for Councillor Flude)
Councillor Paul Edwards
Councillor John Hammond
Councillor Ray Westwood

Officers:

Guy Kilminster, Head of Health and Wellbeing
Mark Wheelton, Leisure and Green Spaces Manager
Keith Pickton, Leisure Facilities Manager
Paul Mountford, Legal and Democratic Services

Apologies

Councillor David Brown
Councillor Dorothy Flude
Rob Hyde, Service Development Manager

19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

20 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2009 be approved as a correct record.

22 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

23 LEISURE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS APPRAISAL – CONSULTANTS’ REPORT

Members considered the findings of the Options Appraisal prior to the final report to be presented in November.

Members received a presentation from Andy Farr of PMP/Genesis, Consultants, outlining the process, research and findings from their work. The presentation covered:

- Market trends
- The current situation with Leisure provision in Cheshire East and an analysis of key performance indicators
- Consultation feedback
- Suggested vision and objectives
- An analysis of service delivery options, including financial implications
- A potential way forward

At the conclusion of the presentation, discussion took place among Members, Officers and the Consultants. This centred on the options for future service delivery.

Members asked that the vision statement be amended to include: ‘keeping elderly people fit’. They also asked that for the next meeting a detailed demographic profile of the Borough be provided.

Members felt that it would benefit their further consideration of the matter if there was a restatement of fundamental principles in terms of what the Council was seeking to provide for the residents of the Borough, the level of demand it was seeking to meet and the potential cost implications of meeting that demand. This would provide the necessary context within which to consider the Consultants’ final report.

A further meeting of the Sub-Committee would now be arranged at which PMP/Genesis would present their final report prior to its consideration by the Corporate Management Team and Cabinet.

RESOLVED

That

- (1) the contents of the presentation be noted;
- (2) the Consultants take on board the views expressed by Members, and the amendments requested, in preparing their final report for consideration at the next meeting; and
- (3) a detailed demographic profile of the Borough be provided for the next meeting.

24 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Thursday, 12 November 2009 at 2.00 pm at Shavington Leisure Centre.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 4.00 pm

Councillor A Knowles (Chairman)