



EXECUTIVE

5.30 p.m. - 6.15 p.m.

9 July 2008

Present: Councillors Morrey (Vice Chair, in the Chair), Arthur, Blakeway, Bremner, Brociek-Coulton, Sands and Waters

Also Present: Councillor Ramsay

Apologies Councillor Morphew (Chair) and Waters

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2008 subject to second paragraph of tem 5 being amended to "Concern was expressed that letters sent out to existing user groups had caused confusion".

2. S106 EXPENDITURE 2008/09

The Head of Community Services introduced the report and together with the Planning Obligations Officer explained the financial aspects of the report. An additional paper listing priorities was circulated by the Executive Member for Children and Young People.

The Executive Member for Children and Young People explained that the Play Strategy was adopted in 2007 to enhance play opportunities for children and young people. As result of the Strategy being in place S106 money was being allocated to reduce the barriers to play including for the first time funds for play space specifically for disabled children and the development of natural play space.

In reply to a question from the Chapelfield Residents Association, the Head of Community Services said that a significant amount of work was to be done on the play area in Chapelfield Park and this would be integrated into the wider park. Officers would be working with the Residents Association.

The Chair raised an issued about some recent works at Pointers Field where a new access barrier was hindering electronic wheelchairs gaining access to the Open Space. The Head of Community Services said that the issue was being looked into.

RESOLVED to:-

- (1) to approve the following discretionary capital expenditures, arising out of the options assessment in Appendix A, totalling £663,553:-

- (a) Fifers Lane, new toddlers play area, £80,000;

- (b) Fiddlewood, revised proposals, new junior facilities, £70,000 (replaces £93,911 approved on 21 March 2007);
- (c) Waterloo Park, works to paddling pool and facilities for less able children, £126,000;
- (d) Woodcock Road, in partnership with NANSA to provide facilities for less able children, £12,800;
- (e) Bowers Avenue, improved access and facilities, £7,900;
- (f) Sewell Park, provide additional facilities, £13,430;
- (g) Gertrude Road, new equipment and improved access, £35,587;
- (h) St Michaels School, Chapel Break, in partnership with the school to provide multi use games area, £36,000;
- (i) The Runnel, improve play area and equipment, £16,936;
- (j) Fourways, refurbishment works to toddler play area, £4,000;
- (k) Chapelfield gardens, enlarge play area, improve access, and provide new and alternative play facilities, £191,566;
- (l) Ketts Cave, renew surface and fencing, £15,000;
- (m) Wooded Ridge, Rouen Road, in partnership with BTCV to provide natural play, £31,434;
- (n) The Dell, Earlham Road, develop natural play area, £11,500;
- (o) Jubilee Park, renew equipment, £11,400

(The ongoing revenue expenditure required to support these proposals will be £757,907)

- (2) to note the current balances of S106 accounts currently held, as set out in the appendices of the report.

3. UNITARY STATUS – BOUNDARY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Head of Transformation presented the report and answered members' questions. He stressed that the options announced by the Boundary Committee were only proposals and the Secretary of State would make the final decision. He asked members to actively promote and encourage stakeholders to support the Council's proposal for the "doughnut" model. He said this was only a stakeholder consultation and not a public consultation. Members would be given information packs to help promote the Council's proposal.

RESOLVED to note the report.

4. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of item 5 below on the grounds contained in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

***5. NORTH EARLHAM, LARKMAN AND MARLPIT DEVELOPMENT TRUST (NELM) (PARAGRAPH 1)**

(Councillors Blakeway and Arthur declared a personal interest)

The Deputy Chief Executive presented the report and answered members' questions.

RESOLVED to approve the deletion of the posts of Community Engagement and Development Officer (HSHHM1) and Deputy Project Director, NELM (ODNMT1) and the associated payments relating to the redundancy / voluntary early retirement of the post holders (as set out in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the report).

CHAIR