

Committee Name: Active and Cohesive Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Chair: Cllr George Cairns

Vice-Chair: Cllr Reginald Bailey

Portfolio Holder(s) Covering the Committee's Remit:

Cllr Elizabeth Shenton – leisure, Culture and Localism

Cllr Gareth Snell – Communications, Policy and Partnerships

Cllr Terry Turner – Economic Regeneration, Business & Town Centres

Cllr John Williams – Planning and Assets

Date of Meeting	Topic	Outcomes / Recommendations	Further Action Required / Feedback
17th June 2013	Public Sector Commissioning in Partnership	The County Council had put the timescales back further and therefore the contract with CAB/ Age UK would be extended until the end of the financial year	
	(29 th August 2013)	Members of the Committee were supportive of the changes that had taken place and thought they were a very positive move for the Borough and its residents	
	(25 th February 2014)	Meeting attended by Sue Nicholls from the CAB, Simon Harris from and Peter Bullock from Age UK to provide an update on the services being provided.	Further update to be provided to a future meeting.
	Keele Golf Centre	Further report to the Committee once the marketing process was complete	
	(3 rd October 2013)	That the Committee are satisfied with the golf development and course grounds maintenance aspects of the tender process that has been	

		<p>undertaken.</p> <p>That clarification be sought of the timeframe for 'essential works' as contained in the Condition Schedule.</p> <p>That the Executive Director, Operational Services ascertain from the Facilities Manager the condition of the boiler and seek an assurance that it is not hazardous.</p>	
	<p>Recommendations from Cabinet meeting held on 5th March in relation to Keele Golf Course</p>	<p>a) That officers be authorised to engage with nearby/adjacent land owners with a view to jointly commissioning a comprehensive master-planning exercise, involving Borough Council owned land in the area in order to establish the most appropriate long term use for the Keele Golf Course site.</p> <p>b) That officers report back on the outcome of the land owner engagement process and to seek approval for a two stage master planning exercise beginning with a scoping report to identify its physical parameters, with any budgetary approval being sought from Council as necessary.</p> <p>c) That officers be authorised to undertake a limited maintenance regime on the basis described in the report until the outcome of the master planning exercise is known.</p> <p>d) That officers be authorised to undertake security measures described in the report.</p> <p>e) That officers be authorised to see expressions of interest in some form(s) of interim use for a period of up to three years.</p> <p>f) That officers keep under review the holding costs attributed to the Keele Golf Course and take all appropriate steps to minimise the same.</p> <p>g) That a wider, broader leisure use be kept in mind.</p>	
	<p>Kidsgrove Sports Centre</p>	<p>That a meeting be arranged with the Headmaster and Chair of Governors' of the School and Staffordshire County Council officials. This is in order to gain a better understanding of their future</p>	<p>Report to April Cabinet 2014</p>

		plans for the centre	
	Allotments Working Group	Update from the Working Group	
	(25 th February 2014)	<p>Final report and recommendations from the Working Group received.</p> <p>That the Active and Cohesive Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorse the findings of the Allotments Review Task and Finish Group and officer recommendations and that the draft Allotments Policy be approved for consultation.</p> <p>That a report be brought to a future meeting of Cabinet, recommending that the findings of the Active and Cohesive Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee are accepted and that the draft Allotments Policy is approved for consultation.</p>	Report due to Cabinet April 2014.
29th August 2013	Bateswood Local Nature Reserve	<p>Update on the progress that had been made with the project to allow fishing to be carried out on part of the large pool at Bateswood Local Nature Reserve (LNR).</p> <p>The Chair considered it important that controlled fishing be implemented at Bateswood LNR to protect the area from unauthorised fishing and its effects.</p>	
	Leisure and Culture Community Interest Company	The Chair was of the opinion that a CIC was the best option for the future management of the Council's leisure and cultural services and requested that the Committee receive the officer working group's completed report for	

		consideration.	
	Young Persons participation in Sports	<p>It was intended to invite Entrust, alongside other representatives such as a representative of the primary school head teachers to the meeting on 20 November. Prior to the meeting, information would be requested from Entrust, in order that Members would be able to consider the information prior to the meeting</p> <p>That the Active and Cohesive Communities Scrutiny Committee attend the Health Scrutiny Committee meeting on 20 November 2013 in order to jointly consider Physical Activity in Schools.</p>	
	(20th November 2013 – Joint meeting with Health Scrutiny Committee)	Cllr Ben Adams (Portfolio Holder for Learning and Skills), Nicola Day (Public Health Commissioning Lead: Physical Activity and Nutrition), Mr Mark Thornewill (Director for Sport across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent) and Mr Stancliffe (Head Teacher – Reginald Mitchell Primary School) attended the meeting.	Cllr Adams stated that he would feedback into the Health and Well-Being Board at County level on the discussion. He thanked the Committee for asking him to attend and to contribute to the debate.
25th February 2014	Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy and Action plan	<p>That a further update on the action plan be brought back to the Committee in 6 months</p> <p>That clarity regarding the auditing of the policy be investigated.</p>	Update report regarding the action plan in 6 months.
	Portfolio Holder Question Time	Cllr Shenton introduced herself as the new Portfolio Holder with responsibility for the majority of items on the Committee's remit. Items discussed	

		included the Community Centre Review and the rolling programme of events planned to commemorate the Great War.	
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Task and Finish Groups:	Allotments Review (Complete)
Future Task and Finish Groups:	
Suggestions for Potential Future Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Sector Commissioning in Partnership • Kidsgrove Sports Centre • Ryecroft • Annual Review of the Scrutiny Committee's Work • Sport and Active Lifestyles Strategy – keep on agenda and work with Health Scrutiny when appropriate. • The future development of the Borough Museum and Art Gallery

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Active and Cohesive Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee is responsible for:

- Arts development
- Britain in Bloom
- Cemeteries and Crematorium
- Children and young people
- Safeguarding Board, Children's Centre District Management Board/community and learning partnerships
- Community recreation
- Cultural development
- Health improvement
- Leisure facilities
- Museum
- Sports development.

