

# LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

27 SEPTEMBER 2017

Present: S Easom, Chair

Councillors: J S Briggs  
S J Carr  
R H Darby  
D A Elliott  
L A Lally  
J M Owen  
P J Owen  
C H Rice

Apologies for absence was received from Councillors R Darby, R Jackson, M Plackett and M Radulovic MBE.

11. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2017 were confirmed and signed.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

13. MOUNTAIN BIKING IN HEMLOCKSTONE WOODS

The Committee received an update on the progress made in regards to managing mountain biking within Hemlockstone Local Nature Reserve. It was reported that the Council continued to work with voluntary mountain biking organisations to help safeguard the nature reserve. Furthermore, the Council had received no complaints in respect to mountain biking since the management options had been introduced.

**RESOLVED to support the on-going use of the Hemlockstone Woods for mountain biking working in partnership with the users of the site to control the environmental impact.**

14. PARKS AND OPEN SPACES IMPROVEMENTS 2017/18

The Committee was informed of the Section 106 parks and open spaces contribution from a developer to fund footpath improvement and fencing works at Hall Om Wong, Kimberley. The allocation was originally in the 2016/17 Capital Programme but had been carried forward to 2017/18. The

sum that had been received from the developer for these improvements had been confirmed as £15,550.

**RESOLVED that 2017/18 capital programme allocation for parks and open spaces improvements from developer contributions be amended from £14,850 to £15,550 and be used for footpath improvement and fencing works at Hall Om Wong, Kimberley.**

15. BRAMCOTE HILL PARK – CATERING AND TOILET FACILITY

The Committee was informed of the progress made in respect of the proposal to create a catering and toilet facility at Bramcote Hills Park. The Committee raised concerns regarding the proposal to explore the opportunity to voluntary charge for the use of the car park. A recorded vote was requested by Councillor S J Carr and seconded by Councillor R Robinson. The voting was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
C H Rice	S J Carr	
P J Owen	R S Robinson	
J S Briggs	D A Elliot	
E Cubley		
M Brown		
J M Owen		

**RESOLVED to make clear that charging for car parking should not be considered in the future.**

16. PLAY STRATEGY 2017-2025

The Committee noted the Play Strategy 2017-2025. The Council, in conjunction with Groundwork Greater Nottingham, consulted local children at schools in Broxtowe to identify issues relating to existing play provision and priorities for improvement. The Strategy provides evidence, based on current and future needs, with priorities for play area improvements to ensure there was accessible and high quality play areas in the Borough.

**RESOLVED that the Play Strategy 2017-2025 be approved.**

17. OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION EXERCISE AND CHARGES AND COLLECTION FREQUENCIES FOR WASTE PRODUCED FROM COMMERCIAL AND HOUSEHOLD (NON-DOMESTIC) PREMISES

The Committee was updated on the outcome of the consultation exercise undertaken in relation to change the waste collection frequencies for places of religious worship. It was proposed to change the frequency of collection from a weekly to fortnightly. To offset the change in frequency, it was established that the provision of an additional residual bin would mitigated the impact.

Cost savings and efficiencies would be generated through fuel savings and improved utilisation of resources. It was estimated that savings of up to £2,000 would be achieved.

**RESOLVED that the collection frequencies and charging mechanisms for properties producing Commercial and Household waste (non-domestic) in accordance with appendix 2 be approved.**

18. UPDATE ON THE REFUSE RESCHEDULE

The Committee received an update on the refuse reschedule review. The purpose of the review was to develop rescheduled rounds that reflect optimised routing which would enable financial savings. It was noted that within the revised routes there was need to build sufficient capacity to enable the collection of bins from new builds as well as the adoption of modern working practices. It was reported that the Council was to undertake an extensive communication exercise in order relay any changes to the refuse reschedule.

19. INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Committee reviewed the option to further investigate an Integrated Management System for the Environment Department. It was noted that the current system was obsolete and no longer represents value for money. An updated system would integrate both the front and back office aspects of the Refuse, Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleansing Services.

**RESOLVED that further investigations into an Integrated Management System be approved.**

20. COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY 2017-2021 D.H LAWRENCE BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

The Committee noted the Collections Development Policy 2017-2022 for the D H Lawrence Birthplace Museum. It was reported that Broxtowe Borough Council was the owner of the D H Lawrence Birthplace Museum and Liberty Leisure was responsible for the management of the museum. Consequently, a policy about the development of collections, including acquisition and disposal of museum objects, must be a Broxtowe Borough Council policy. Acquisitions and disposals would be made by the Council on the advice of the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum's professional museum staff and in accordance with the proposed policy.

**RESOLVED that the adoption of the Collections Development Policy 2017–2022 for the D H Lawrence Birthplace Museum be approved**

21. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT – REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN  
PROGRESS – ENVIRONMENT

The Committee noted a report on the progress against outcome targets identified in the Environment Business Plan, Corporate Plan priorities and objectives for the Environment. The Committee raised concerns over the continuation of the Investors in the Environment. It was noted that the Council had been accredited by the Investors in the Environment, however did not have the resources to renew the accreditation. It was highlighted that by not renewing the accreditation the Council would not be able to use the Investors in the Environment logos but would retain standard set by the organisation.

**RESOLVED that (ENV1620\_8) reaccreditation for Investors in the Environment not be sought in the future.**

22. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT – REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN  
PROGRESS – LIBERTY LEISURE

The Committee noted a report on the progress against outcome targets identified in the Liberty Leisure Business Plan that provides continuity of projects and performance from the existing Council run Leisure and Cultural Services through to the formation of Liberty Leisure. It was reported that the improvements needed to maintain the youth gym was low priority and would require significant capital funding or borrowing to initiate the project. It was proposed that Liberty Leisure was to explore the option to offer various services, such as, direct debit collection to external organisations. It was estimated that business could increase by 20% by offering these services to outside organisations.

23. WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee requested that a report containing a full review of Liberty Leisure services be provided at the next meeting.

**RESOLVED that the work programme be approved.**