



SCRUTINY BOARD (CULTURE AND LEISURE)

Meeting to be held in Committee Room 1, Civic Hall, Leeds on
Monday, 10th September, 2007 at 10.00 am

A pre-meeting will take place for ALL Members of the Board
in Committee Room 1 at 9.30 am

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

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| B Atha | - | Kirkstall |
| A Barker | - | Horsforth |
| B Gettings | - | Morley North |
| T Hanley (Chair) | - | Bramley and Stanningley |
| A Hussain | - | Gipton and Harehills |
| B Jennings | - | Weetwood |
| G Kirkland | - | Otley and Yeadon |
| V Morgan | - | Killingbeck and Seacroft |
| L Mulherin | - | Ardsley and Robin Hood |
| L Rhodes-Clayton | - | Hyde Park and Woodhouse |
| G Wilkinson | - | Wetherby |

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SCRUTINY BOARD (CULTURE AND LEISURE)

MONDAY, 16TH JULY, 2007

PRESENT: Councillor T Hanley in the Chair

Councillors B Atha, A Barker, B Gettings,
A Hussain, B Jennings, G Kirkland,
V Morgan, L Rhodes-Clayton and
G Wilkinson

9 Declarations of interest

Councillor Atha declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 8, Terms of Reference for an Inquiry into the Governance Arrangements of Middleton Park Equestrian Centre due to his position as Trustee of the Middleton Park Equestrian Centre. He withdrew from the meeting during the discussion on this item.

10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Mulherin (Maternity).

11 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2007 be confirmed as a correct record.

12 Members' Questions

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report which afforded Scrutiny Board Members the opportunity to put questions to the Executive Member for Leisure, the Chief Officer for Libraries, Arts and Heritage and the Chief Recreation Officer.

The Chair welcomed Councillor John Proctor, Catherine Blanshard and Denise Preston to the meeting.

In summary the following issues were discussed:

- Further to new railings that had been placed in front of the cobbled surface outside **Otley Library** and a question as to why Ward Members had not been consulted, it was reported that this was a standard treatment to surfaces where it was hazardous for people to walk. The cobbles had been installed immediately outside the library to discourage people walking to close to the large library windows and

distracting library users. Members' concerns that they should be notified of similar instances in the future were noted.

- In response to questions regarding the **Grand Theatre Board**, Councillor Proctor reported that a new General Manager had not yet been appointed. The post had been advertised and an Acting General Manager had been appointed in the interim period. In relation to questions on the Grand Theatre's finances he informed the Board that since the Grand Theatre had re-opened running costs had substantially increased. He suggested that if the Board wanted detailed financial information that an Inquiry into the Grand Theatre could be undertaken.
- A question was asked as to how successful the previous weekends **Opera in the Park** and **Party in the Park** at Temple Newsam had been and following the adverse weather conditions what damage had been done. The events had been considered to be highly successful and attendance figures for the **Opera in the Park** had been estimated at between 43 and 45 thousand. Figures for the **Party in the Park** had not yet been collated. It was too early to assess the damage to the grounds due to the heavy rain from the Sunday lunchtime through to the end of Sunday's performances. Councillor Proctor paid tribute to Officers for their efforts in the organisation of the events as did Board Members who also praised Officers for the high calibre profile of the events.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the discussion be noted.

13 Request for Scrutiny - Wharfemeadows Park Fence

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report regarding a request for scrutiny that had been received from the Wharfemeadows Action Group. The request had been made following **proposals for fencing arrangements within Wharfemeadows Park** and the implications city wide. The letter outlining the request for scrutiny was attached to the report.

Sylvia Reid, Linda Lukats and Tony Hartigan of the Wharfemeadows Action Group attended the meeting to present the request for scrutiny.

Sylvia Reid addressed the meeting and read a statement of the Group's request. Main issues highlighted included the following:-

- The reason for the request for scrutiny was that the decision to install fencing along the River Wharfe and the associated water safety strategy should be fully examined.
- Ward Members were not in favour of the original fencing plan, had lobbied Executive Members not to approve the scheme and had expected their Executive Members to vote against the proposals.
- Plans and studies had indicated a need for greater access to the river.
- That the fencing proposals were linked to the Coroner's report following the inquest into the tragic drownings at Roundhay Park.
- The Coroner's report had only recommended improved signage which would have probably cost in the region of a few thousand pounds

instead of the £1.5 million pounds the fencing and water policy would cost Leeds

- Local people were informed that the Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) had instructed the Council to fence off the river even though RoSPA is not a statutory body.
- Concern was expressed that the recommendations were based on an Appeal Court ruling that had been overturned in the House of Lords.
- Otley Town Council unanimously supported the Wharfemeadows Action Group

In support of her submissions, Sylvia Reid made reference to minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board meetings held on 9 February and 16 May, 2007, the verbatim minutes of Council held on 21 February 2007, the Wharfemeadows Action Group deputation to Council on 18 April 2007 and various press articles.

Members suggested that as this issue was such a complex matter that a Working Group could be established to scrutinise the issue in order to be able to report back to the full Scrutiny Board more quickly. It was also suggested that no work should be undertaken until the conclusion of any Inquiry and that the Board wished to recommend to the Executive Board that officers be instructed to suspend the erection of the fence until the Board published its recommendations.

The Chair made reference to a late submission that had been received from Greg Mulholland, MP for Leeds North West. It was reported that this would be considered as part of any Inquiry into this matter.

Councillor Proctor stated his support for the inquiry and made suggestions relating to potential witnesses. He also stated that the Executive Board was unanimous in voting in the favour of the original proposals.

Denise Preston, Chief Recreation Officer raised the following points in relation to issues discussed:

- RoSPA was commissioned to prepare a report on Water Health and Safety for the Council
- Legal advice and that of the Senior QC was fully considered at all stages of the development of the **policy on the Safety Management of Open Water**
- The 9th February Executive Board report clearly stated that the coroner had only asked the Council to examine signage at Roundhay.
- All of the points raised in the WAG letter attached to the Agenda papers had been fully considered and explained in the Executive Board reports on 16th May and 13th June 2007.
- The Executive Board decision was to proceed with the works and until that resolution was changed officers would continue with works.

RESOLVED –

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to be held on Monday, 10th September, 2007

- (a) That a full Scrutiny Inquiry is carried out.
- (b) That a Working Group be established to undertake the Inquiry and report back to the Board.
- (c) That it be recommended to the Executive Board that work on the fencing be suspended until the Board has reported its findings.

14 Terms of Reference for an inquiry into the Governance Arrangements of Middleton Park Equestrian centre

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report which detailed draft terms of reference for the **proposed inquiry into the Governance Arrangements of Middleton Park Equestrian Centre.**

Councillor Procter informed the meeting that it would be beneficial to arrange a briefing session for the Chair of the Board before finalising the terms of reference for this inquiry. The Board agreed to defer this item until such a briefing had taken place.

RESOLVED – That the item be deferred pending a further meeting between the Chair and Executive Member for Leisure.

15 Lift in Leeds Central Library

The Chief Libraries, Arts and Heritage Officer submitted a report which provided the Board with an update regarding the installation of the new lift in the **Central Library.**

In summary and response to Members' questions, the following issues were highlighted:

- Delays in the installation of the lift had occurred due to modifications required to the lift shaft and manufacturer's problems with obtaining parts.
- During periods of difficulty in use of the library for users who required the lift, they were encouraged to use the libraries electronic enquiry system and materials were also delivered to local libraries upon request.
- Contractual issues regarding the purchase and installation of the lift were currently being investigated and payment had been withheld.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

16 Leeds International Concert Season

The Chief Officer Libraries, Arts and Heritage submitted a report regarding the **Leeds International Concert Season.**

The Chair welcomed Andrew Macgill Head of Arts and Events and Matthew Sims, Principal Music Officer to the meeting.

Andrew Macgill gave the Board a brief overview of the report. He reported that the **Leeds International Concert Season** had been running for the past 27 years, based at the Town Hall. It was organised by a small specialist team, arranged over 200 concerts per year and provided the largest local authority led concert season in the country. **The Leeds International Concert Season** had large attendances and was well respected across the concert industry.

In response to questions and concerns regarding the possible refurbishment of the Town Hall and associated costs, it was reported that that there were some technical deficiencies with the Town Hall. Work was required to meet health and safety legislation requirements and improvements to the stage were desired.

Members praised the success of the Concert Season and the effort of Officers in achieving this success. Further issues discussed included performances in other locations within Leeds, the Big Bang schools concerts and the comparison of attendances with other major concert venues.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

17 Work Programme

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report which detailed the Board's current Work Programme. Also attached to the report was an extract from the **Forward Plan of Key Decisions** which highlighted decisions that fell within the Board's remit.

Issues discussed included the establishment of the Working Group for the **Inquiry into the Wharfemeadows Park Fence** and possible additions to the Work Programme. It was suggested that the Board receives a presentation on **Parks and Countryside Budgets**.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report and current Work Programme be noted.
- (b) That a Working Group open to all Members of the Board be established for the Inquiry into the Wharfemeadows Park Fence and the Principal Scrutiny Adviser facilitate a meeting of this group.

18 Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Board was Monday, 10 September 2007 at 10.00 a.m. This was subject to change depending on the timescales of the Inquiry into the Wharfemeadows Park fence.

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 16TH MAY, 2007

PRESENT: Councillor G Driver in the Chair

Councillors B Anderson, J Bale, B Cleasby,
P Grahame, B Lancaster, T Leadley and
R Pryke

99 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

100 Minutes - 2nd April 2007

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April 2007 be confirmed as a correct record.

101 Minutes - Executive Board, 4th April 2007

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on 4th April 2007 be received and noted.

102 Scrutiny Inquiry - Narrowing the Gap - Draft Final Inquiry Report

Further to Minute No 94, 2nd April 2007, the Committee considered the draft final report of its Inquiry into 'Narrowing the Gap', together with comments and observations thereon from the Leeds Initiative, Councillor Mark Harris, Alternate Leader of the Council and Executive Member (Central and Corporate) and Neil Evans, Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods.

Councillor Harris, Neil Evans, Steve Williamson, Chair of the Narrowing the Gap Executive, and Kathy Kudelnitsky, Director, and Andrea Tara Chand of the Leeds Initiative, attended the meeting, expanded on their written observations and responded to Members' queries and comments. In brief summary, the main points of discussion were:-

- The inherent tensions and potential conflicts posed by the 'Narrowing the Gap' and 'Going Up A League' initiatives, and the need to give priority to the former in the view of the Committee;
- The deletion of reference to the proposed new casino and arena in Leeds from the 'Introduction and Scope' section of the report in view of the unproven effect either or both would have in terms of the Narrowing the Gap agenda;
- In the same section, the replacement of the phrase 'we do not want to look back at a string of failed schemes' with the more proactive 'We need to be more rigorous when assessing schemes';

Final minutes approved at the meeting held on 4th June 2007.

- Leeds Initiative was in the process of reviewing its structures, including how the District Partnerships could evolve to include a greater degree of political input and accountability. The review was aimed at making greater use of local structures to address issues in a sustainable manner at local level, taking into account OSC's views regarding the dangers of 'solutions' being imposed on local communities. The Local Area Agreement (LAA) and the Intensive Neighbourhood Management initiatives would inform this review. Part of the process had to be looking at how data was analysed and used. Another part concerned how and what was monitored. Partnership working in Leeds, although not yet perfect, had been recognised nationally as at the forefront of developments in this area, and the LAA review of 2008 and the Government White Paper on greater local scrutiny of services would help to focus partners on joint working and funding arrangements;
- Whilst acknowledging the importance of working with communities at local level, it was also recognised that local people needed to be encouraged to take advantage of City-wide as well as local resources and employment opportunities and issues such as improved transport links were crucial in this regard.

The Chair concluded by thanking everyone who had contributed to the Committee's Inquiry. As part of Scrutiny's recommendation tracking system, progress on the recommendations would be considered by OSC in September.

RESOLVED – That subject to the above minor amendments, the Committee's final report of its 'Narrowing the Gap' Inquiry be approved and circulated appropriately by the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development.

(NB: Councillor Bale joined the meeting at 9.20 am and Councillor Pryke joined the meeting at 9.37 am during the consideration of this item)

103 Draft Annual Report to Council

Further to Minute No 98, 2nd April 2007, the Committee approved the Scrutiny draft Annual Report 2006/07 for submission to Council, subject to two minor amendments.

RESOLVED – That subject to two minor amendments, the Scrutiny Annual Report 2006/07 be approved for submission to Council.

104 Scrutiny Board Arrangements 2007/08

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development reported that at its meeting earlier that morning, the Council's Corporate Governance and Audit Committee had approved proposed arrangements for the organisation of Scrutiny Boards in the 2007/08 municipal year, which would be submitted for approval at the Annual Council Meeting on 24th May. The recommended arrangements, which linked Boards to Director portfolios, were as follows:

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| Overview and Scrutiny Committee - | Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Assistant Chief Executive (Policy Planning and Improvement), Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance), plus co-ordinating and advisory role |
| Scrutiny Board (Resources) - | Director of Resources |
| Scrutiny Board (City Development) – | Director of City Development |
| Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure) – | Director of City Development |
| Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods) - | Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods |
| Scrutiny Board (Children’s Services) – | Director of Children’s Services |
| Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care) – | Director of Adult Social Services |

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

105 Chair's Closing Remarks

Councillor Driver stated that he would not be chairing meetings of OSC in 2007/08 and he thanked Members and officers for all their contributions and hard work during the last municipal year.

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 4TH JUNE, 2007

PRESENT: Councillor P Grahame in the Chair

Councillors S Bentley, T Hanley,
A Harrison, W Hyde and R Pryke

Apologies Councillors B Anderson, S Golton and
E Minkin

1 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed Members and officers to the first meeting of the Committee in the 2007/08 municipal year, and paid tribute to the hard work and contribution of the previous Chair, Councillor Driver, and other Members who were no longer on the Committee – Councillors Bale, Cleasby, Lancaster and Leadley.

2 Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

3 Minutes - 16th May 2007

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the two meetings held on 16th May 2007 be confirmed as a correct record.

4 Minutes - Executive Board - 16th May 2007

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Executive Board meeting held on 16th May 2007 be received and noted.

5 Matters Arising from the Minutes

(a) **Extension of ALMO Management Agreements (Minute No 246 refers)**

Further to Minute No 246 of the Executive Board meeting, 16th May 2007, at a Member's request, it was agreed that the decision to extend the management agreements with the housing Arms Length Management Organisations by a further five years, to 31st January 2013, should be referred to the Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods) with a view to that Board considering conducting a formal review of that decision.

(b) **Services based at Terry Yorath House (Minute No 240 refers)**

Further to OSC Minute No 109, 16th May 2007, and Minute No 240 of the Executive Board meeting, 16th May 2007, and in response to a Member's query, the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Minutes approved at the meeting
held on Monday, 2nd July, 2007

reported that the Director of Adult Services had now reconsidered her decision, taking into account the views of OSC expressed on 16th May, and had made another delegated decision to continue the contract with The Disabilities Trust for the provision of care services at Terry Yorath House for a further 12 months, with the option of two further 12 month extensions, and including a 4 month notice period in the contract. Following the previous Call-In, this latest decision could not be called-in.

It was agreed that the Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care) should be requested to monitor the ongoing consultation arrangements with residents and their carers which formed part of the wider review and consultation process relating to the provision of adult residential care services.

6 Minutes - Scrutiny Board (City Services) - 18th April 2007

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the minutes of the above meeting be received and noted.
- (b) That the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development be requested to obtain and circulate to OSC Members details of the outcome of the **Crown Cuisine Inquiry** referred to in Minute No 105(a).

7 Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Terms of Reference

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report setting out the formal terms of reference of the Committee.

In response to Members' queries, the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development undertook to ascertain and circulate to OSC Members further information about the present situation regarding **Corporate Priority Boards**. He also undertook to refer to the Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care), on a recommendation monitoring basis, the issue of progress on the previous Board's Inquiry into **hospital cleanliness, MRSA** etc.

RESOLVED – That the Committee's terms of reference be noted.

8 Annual Scrutiny Report to Council - Action Plan

The Committee considered a report submitted by the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development regarding the Action Plan associated with the 2006/07 Scrutiny Annual Report to Council, due to be considered by the Council on 20th June 2007.

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development reported that further guidance from the Government was awaited on issues such as '**community calls for action**' and the extension of scrutiny arrangements to **external partner organisations**, and the Committee would receive update reports as appropriate.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9 Performance Monitoring - Quarter Four 2006/07

The Head of Policy, Performance and Improvement submitted a summary report relating to key performance indicators for each area covered by an officer from Corporate Priority Board, and highlighting key areas of under - performance which OSC or the other Scrutiny Boards might wish to tackle in greater depth. The impact of under - performance in key areas on the Council's overall **Corporate Performance Assessment (CPA)** score was emphasised.

The key areas highlighted at the meeting were:-

- **Planning performance**, and whether or not this was improving – The Chair stated OSC would be receiving an update report at its September meeting, following its Inquiry in 2006/07;
- **VC11c** – Percentage of top 5% of earners that are disabled (excluding schools) and **BV16a** – The number of staff declaring that they meet the DDA disability definition as a percentage of the total workforce;
- **BV12** – The proportion of working days/shifts lost to sickness absence – and the variations between Departments;
- **BV126** – Domestic burglaries per 1,000 of the population – and **BV127b** – Robberies per year per 1,000 of the population – and the variations between different parts of the City;
- **BV203** – The percentage change in the average number of families placed in temporary accommodation;
- **BV201** – Direct payments per 100,000 of the population;
- **Children and Young People** – issues relating to weaknesses in management information and the allocation of resources across the City.
- **CP-AS50** – provision of out of hours services – Members requested details regarding the 55 services referred to in the report.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted, and Scrutiny Chairs, in consultation with the Scrutiny Support Unit and their Boards, decide which key areas of under - performance to investigate during 2007/08.

10 OSC Work Programme 2007/08 - Sources of Work and Establishing the Committee's Priorities

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report regarding establishing the Committee's work programme for 2007/08, together with a relevant extract of the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period 1st June to 30th September 2007.

The Committee decided to add reviews of various previous issues to its work programme – **When Contracts Go Wrong, Direct Payments and Elections and Electoral Arrangements** – to refer a review of the previous **Waste**

Strategy Inquiry to the Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods) and also requested an update on the **Grass Cutting Service** contract.

11 **Scrutiny Training Dates**

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development gave notice of two Scrutiny training sessions – one for **Scrutiny Chairs** on 3rd July, 9.30 am to 12.00 noon, and one for **Scrutiny Members** on 6th July, 9.30 am– 12.00 noon.

12 **Dates and Times of Future Meetings**

Monday 2nd July 2007
Monday 3rd September 2007
Monday 1st October 2007
Monday 5th November 2007
Monday 3rd December 2007
Monday 7th January 2008
Monday 4th February 2008
Monday 3rd March 2008
Monday 7th April 2008

All at 10.00 am (Pre-Meetings at 9.30 am).

At the request of a Member, the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development undertook to canvass OSC Members regarding OSC meetings always being on a Monday.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

WEDNESDAY, 16TH MAY, 2007

PRESENT: Councillor A Carter in the Chair

Councillors M Harris, R Brett, J L Carter, R Harker,
P Harrand, J Procter, S Smith, K Wakefield and J Blake

Councillor Blake – Non-voting Advisory Member

237 Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as exempt on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of the exempt information so designated as follows:

- (a) Appendix 1 to the report referred to in minute 254 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because publication could prejudice the Council's commercial interests as the appendix contains commercial information confidential to the Council.

238 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Wakefield declared a personal interest in the item relating to the review of 14-19 provision in Leeds as a member of the Learning and Skills Council.

239 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2007 be approved.

ADULT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

240 Response to Deputation from Parents and Carers Action Group for Terry Yorath House

The Director of Adult Social Services submitted a report in response to the Deputation before Council on 18th April and on issues relating to the future provision of service at Terry Yorath House.

RESOLVED – That consideration of this matter be deferred pending the submission of a further report.

LEISURE

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on 13th June 2007

241 River Safety Management at Wharfemeadows Park, Manor Park and Tittybottle Park, Otley

RESOLVED – That consideration of proposals to improve water safety at Wharfemeadows Park, Manor Park and Tittybottle Park, Otley be deferred to the June meeting of the Board excepting that the Chief Recreation Officer be requested to progress fencing proposals by the river in the vicinities of the weir and the children's play area.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

242 Review of 14 - 19 Provision in Leeds

Further to minute 151 of the meeting held on 24th January 2007 the Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report on the Review of 14-19 Provision in Leeds and on the proposed next stage of development.

RESOLVED – That consideration of the vision and approach and the development of an implementation plan be deferred to the June meeting of the Board to allow consideration in the light of the proposals of the Learning and Skills Council.

ADULT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

243 Older People's Long Term Care Strategy - Reprovision for Greenlands Home for Older People

The Director of Adult Social Services submitted a report providing an update on progress on the strategy for Local Authority provision of long term care for older people and on a proposal to transfer a site in Guiseley to Anchor Trust at less than best consideration for an extra-care housing development to replace a Home for Older People.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That earlier approvals of the Board for the development of the extra-care housing scheme at Guiseley in partnership with Anchor Trust be confirmed.
- (b) That the land identified in the report be transferred to Anchor Trust on a 125 year lease at nil consideration as outlined in the report, subject to a clawback agreement to recover any excess development profit arising on completion of the scheme.
- (c) That further reports be brought to this Board as the long term care strategy is developed.

CENTRAL AND CORPORATE

244 Illegal Money Lending Project - Legal Authorisations

The Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) submitted a report on the authorisation given to Birmingham City Council and officers of the illegal Money Lending Team in partnership with West Yorkshire Trading Standards Service, to investigate and institute proceedings against illegal money lenders operating within the Leeds District.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That it be noted that the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance), under her delegated authority, has authorised Birmingham City Council and the Illegal Money Lending Team to investigate and institute proceedings against illegal money lenders operating within the district of Leeds.
- (b) That a further report be brought to the Board at such time that initial progress can be measured and on comparisons with the Birmingham initiative.

DEVELOPMENT

245 Procurement of a New Strategic Partnership for the Provision of Professional Highways and Transportation Services

The Director of City Development submitted a report on a proposal to commence the procurement of a contract to provide a new Strategic Partnership for the Council for the provision of professional highway and transportation services to replace the existing partnership contract which expires in September 2008.

RESOLVED – That the Director of City Development be authorised to procure a new strategic partnership contract for the provision of professional highways and transportation services to take effect from September 2008.

NEIGHBOURHOODS AND HOUSING

246 Extension of ALMO Management Agreements

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report setting out a proposal to extend the Management Agreements with the ALMOs until 2013.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an extension in the term of contract for the ALMOs of five years, extending the existing agreement to 31st January 2013.

247 Neighbourhoods and Housing Lettings Policy Review

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report on the proposal to implement a revised lettings policy from 4th June 2007.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the implementation of the lettings policy from 4th June 2007.

248 Food and Health Service Plan 2007/08

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The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report on the proposed Food and Health Team Service Plan 2007/08 prior to submission to full Council for approval as part of the Budget and Policy Framework in June 2007.

RESOLVED – That Council be recommended to approve the 2007/08 Food and Health Service Plan.

249 Area Delivery Plans and Area Function Schedules for 2007/08

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report giving an overview of the Area Delivery Plans for 2007/08 recently agreed by Area Committees and presenting updated Area Function Schedules for 2007/08.

RESOLVED – That the ten Area Committee Action Plans and the updated Area Function Schedules for 2007/08 be endorsed.

250 Leeds Building Schools for the Future - Phase 1 - Financial Summary at Financial Close on 3rd April 2007.

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report summarising the financial position agreed by the parties at financial close and comparing this position to the various approvals and authority given by Executive Board on 24th January (Minute 53) and 14th March 2007 (Minute 205).

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and that staff involved in achieving this outcome be thanked for their contributions.

251 Amendments to the Home to School Transport Policy

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report on proposed amendments to the Home to School Transport Policy to be implemented from September 2008 and on legislative changes for primary schools to be implemented in September 2007 in accordance with the Education and Inspections Act.

RESOLVED – That consideration of proposed amendments to the Home to School Transport Policy be deferred and that a revised report be brought to the June meeting of the Board.

LEISURE

252 Landscape Works to Sharp Lane Development, Middleton

The Chief Recreation Officer submitted a report on proposals to carry out landscaping works in accordance with the Section 106 agreement between the City Council and Cofton Limited at a cost of £2,661,890 from a fully funded injection to the 2007/10 Capital Programme.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That approval be given to the injection to the 2007/10 Capital Programme of £2,661,890 funded by Cofton Limited in accordance with the Section 106 agreement with the Council dated 10th February 2005

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and that authority be given to spend £2,322,990 on construction cost and £338,900 on design fees.

253 Rothwell Sports Centre Changing Rooms Refurbishment

The Chief Recreation Officer submitted a report on a proposed scheme to refurbish the wet side changing rooms and sauna area of Rothwell Sports Centre to include new family/group changing facilities.

RESOLVED – That authority be given to spend £520,000 on the refurbishment of the wet side changing rooms at Rothwell Sports Centre.

254 Approval of the Affordability of the New Leaf Leisure Centres PFI Project and Progress Report

The Chief Recreation Officer submitted a report on the affordability of the New Leaf Leisure Centres PFI Project and on progress of the project.

Following consideration of the appendices to the report designated as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3), which were considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting, it was

RESOLVED – That the affordability of the New Leaf Leisure Centres Project as set out in the exempt appendix 1 to the report and its annex be approved.

255 Deputation to Council regarding St George's Day

The Head of Arts and Events submitted a report in response to the deputation to Council by the Royal Society of St George on 18th April 2007.

RESOLVED – That a further report be brought to this Board on proposals for the celebration of St George's Day in Leeds in 2008 and that the Royal Society of St George be informed of the Council's support for St George's Day.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

WEDNESDAY, 13TH JUNE, 2007

PRESENT: Councillor M Harris in the Chair

Councillors R Brett, A Carter, J L Carter,
R Finnigan, R Harker, P Harrand, S Smith,
K Wakefield and J Blake

Councillor Blake – Non-voting Advisory Member

1 **Late Items**

There were no late items but supplementary/additional information was provided since the despatch of the agenda as follows:

- Minute 9 - Additional supplementary information in relation to consultations and discussions undertaken contained in a report circulated on 11th June 2007 and a further report tabled at this meeting.
- Minute 11 - The current draft of the Council Plan 2007/08 document tabled at this meeting.
- Minute 14 - The Children and Young People's Plan Review document circulated on 7th June 2007.
- Minute 19 - A revised version of appendix 2 to the report tabled at this meeting.

2 **Exclusion of Public**

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as exempt on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of the exempt information so designated as follows:

- (a) The appendix to the report referred to in minute 10 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information as disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the Council, disclosure of costs and details about the relationships between parties could prejudice the Council's position in dealing with claims and future negotiations. Maintaining the exemption protects the Council's negotiating position and prevents potential wasteful public expenditure.

3 **Declaration of Interests**

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to be held on Wednesday, 4th July, 2007

Councillor Wakefield declared a personal interest in the item relating to the Review of 14-19 provision in Leeds as a member of the Learning and Skills Council.

Councillor Finnigan declared a personal interest in the same item as a governor of Joseph Priestley College.

4 Chair's Announcements

- (a) The Chair reported that Paul Rogerson, the Chief Executive was not present at the meeting by reason of the investiture of his award of Commander of the British Empire on this same day. The Board expressed congratulations to Mr Rogerson upon his receipt of the award which reflected upon his services to the City and the region.
- (b) The Chair announced that the Council had on the day of this meeting received an award from CIPFA in respect of its financial reporting arrangements.
- (c) The Chair welcomed Councillor Finnigan to his first meeting of the Board.

5 Minutes

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2007 be approved.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

6 Review of 14 - 19 Provision in Leeds

Further to minute 242 of the meeting held on 16th May 2007 the Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report on progress of the review of 14-19 provision and on the proposed next stage to develop a detailed implementation plan in conjunction with key partners.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the vision and approach outlined in the report and to the development of a detailed implementation plan based on the model proposed in the report.

7 Deputation to Council - Community Language Teaching in Leeds Secondary Schools (Sikh Welfare Trust)

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report on the deputation to Council on 18th April 2007 regarding community language teaching in Leeds secondary schools.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the concerns expressed by the deputation and the next steps described in the report be noted.
- (b) That a further report be brought to the Board following the conclusion of the consultation exercise currently underway.

LEISURE

8 Proposed Development of a Dance Headquarters on Quarry Hill for Northern Ballet Theatre Company and Phoenix Dance Company

Further to minute 114 of the meeting held on 15th November 2006 the Director of City Development submitted a report on the proposed development at Quarry Hill for the Northern Ballet Theatre and Phoenix Dance Company. Following consideration of the history of negotiations to date with private developers, it was concluded that partnership with a commercial developer via a developer led delivery model was unlikely to result in the required dance facilities. The report considered proposed delivery models with the Council taking the lead in the delivery of the project namely the Council acting as developer or the Council taking the lead on the project. The report also outlined the option of the Council taking no action, of relocating the proposed development or of attracting another commercial developer to the project.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the current position regarding the proposed development of a new dance/theatre headquarters on site 1 Quarry Hill for Northern Ballet Theatre and Phoenix Dance Company at a total estimated cost of £11,675,000 be noted.
- (b) That support be given to the principle of a revised delivery mechanism to be pursued for the development of a new dance/theatre headquarters on site 1 Quarry Hill for use by Northern Ballet Theatre and Phoenix Dance Company, the specific mechanism to be agreed by the Director of City Development under the Council's scheme of delegation
- (c) That an additional £7,025,000 be injected into the Capital Programme for expenditure on the proposed development of a new dance/theatre headquarters, to be funded by a grant of £3,560,000 from Arts Council England, £400,000 from Northern Ballet Theatre and an additional contribution of £3,065,000 from the City Council.
- (d) That additional expenditure of £7,025,000 on the proposed development of a new dance/theatre headquarters on site 1 Quarry Hill for use by Northern Ballet Theatre and Phoenix Dance Company be authorised.
- (e) That the thanks of the Board be conveyed to those officers involved in the progression of this development since its first inception.

(Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.5 Councillor Finnigan required it to be recorded that he voted against this decision).

9 River Safety Management at Wharfemeadows Park, Manor Park and Tittybottle Park, Otley

Further to minute 241 of the meeting held on 16th May 2007 the Chief Recreation Officer and Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) submitted a report presenting the previous report on the need for water safety measures at the above location, on public meetings held and on the intention to circulate a further report to the Board following a display of the options at Otley Civic Centre on 8th June 2007.

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to be held on Wednesday, 4th July, 2007

Further reports as referred to in minute 1 were also considered.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the scheme to erect signage and to fence parts of the parks adjacent to the River Wharfe as detailed graphically in Appendix four to the report submitted to the Board on 16th May 2007 be implemented as soon as is practically possible.
- (b) That the height, design and colour of the fencing be as described in the report tabled at this meeting following the recent consultation exercise.

(Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.5 Councillor Wakefield required it to be recorded that he abstained from voting on this decision).

10 Swimming and Diving Centre, John Charles Centre for Sport

Further to minute 127 of the meeting held on 13th December 2006 the Director of City Development submitted a report on the anticipated final budget shortfall in respect of the above scheme, on the work areas that have contributed to the shortfall, the reasons and the actions taken and being undertaken, to try and reduce the anticipated shortfall.

Following consideration of the appendix to the report designated exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3), which was considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting, it was

RESOLVED – That the recommendations identifying funding to meet the anticipated final budget shortfall, as contained in the exempt appendix to the report, be approved.

CENTRAL AND CORPORATE

11 The Council Plan 2007/08

The Chief Officer Executive Support submitted a report on the production of the Council's Best Value Performance Plan – the Council Plan 2007/08 to be submitted to the Council meeting on 20th June 2007 for approval to publish on 30th June 2007.

Copies of the current draft of the Plan were circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED – That Council be recommended:

- (a) To approve the Council Plan to allow publication by 30th June 2007
- (b) To authorise the Chief Executive to upgrade and complete the Council Plan with any outstanding information prior to its publication on 30th June 2007
- (c) To authorise the Executive to make any necessary in-year amendments to the Council Plan subject to the amendments being reported to the next available Council meeting.

12 Performance Outturn 2006/07

The Director of Resources submitted a report on the Council's financial performance for the year ending 31st March 2007 prior to the submission of the annual accounts to the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee for approval, and subject to audit.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and that approval be given to the creation of an earmarked reserve and an injection to the capital programme in respect of the Housing Revenue Account as detailed in paragraph 7.8 of the submitted report.

DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

13 EASEL Area Action Plan Preferred Options

The Director of City Development submitted a report on proposals to consult on the Preferred Options for the EASEL Area Action Plan.

The report detailed actions taken to date to arrive at the Council's preferred options and presented the Council's response to comments received on the Alternative Options consultation, the summary of the Area Action Plan Sustainability Appraisal Report and the preferred options development plan document.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the outcome of the informal consultation undertaken as part of the preparation of the Preferred Options be noted
- (b) That the East and South East Leeds Preferred Options be approved for publication together with its Sustainability Appraisal Summary Report and other supporting documents and that representations be formally invited between 18th and 30th July 2007.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

14 The 2007 Review of the Children and Young People's Plan and the Annual Performance Assessment

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report on the 2007 Review of the Children and Young People's Plan.

A copy of the revised Plan had been circulated subsequent to the despatch of the agenda.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the Children and Young People's Plan Review be approved as necessary in year amendments to the Plan and those amendments be reported for information to the next meeting of the Council.
- (b) That the final document be submitted to the next meeting of this Board for information.

15 The Future of Youth Services in Leeds

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report on the implications of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 for youth services in Leeds.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That an Integrated Youth Support Service as described in the report, be established in Leeds as from April 2008
- (b) That approval be given to the full integration of Leeds Youth Service and the localised Connexions Service into the Integrated Youth Support Service as part of a wider universal offer for 0-19 year olds.
- (c) That the Director of Children's Services progress all aspects set out in the report for the integration of services for young people.
- (d) That 2007/08 be regarded as a year of transition and change.

16 Design and Cost Report - New Wortley Children's Centre

The Acting Chief Officer for Early Years and Youth Services submitted a report on the construction of an extension to the existing Castleton Primary School to create New Wortley Children's Centre.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the transfer of £935,000 from the Phase 2 Children's Centre Parent Scheme 12394 and that authority be given to incur expenditure of £768,000 on construction, £40,000 on equipment and £127,000 on fees.

17 Primary Review - Guiseley Primary Planning Area

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report on the outcome of a review of primary provision in the Guiseley Planning Area.

The report presented options which had been considered as follows:

- 1 Increase the admissions number at both Guiseley Infant School and St Oswald's Junior School from 80 to 90 with effect from September 2009
- 2 Expand provision at either Tranmere Park or Hawksworth
- 3 Expand provision in Queensway
- 4 Convert both Guiseley Infants School and St Oswald's Junior School into through primaries (either 1.5FE or 2FE)

RESOLVED – That the choice of Option 1, with consultation taking place through the Annual Admissions process, be noted

18 Primary Review - Wetherby Primary Planning Area

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report on the outcome of a review of primary provision in the Wetherby Planning Area.

The report presented options which had been considered as follows;

- 1 Maintain all current provision
- 2 Reduce the admissions limit of Deighton Gates Primary from 60 to 45
- 3 Reduce the admissions limit of Deighton Gates Primary from 60 to 30

- 4 Amalgamation of Deighton Gates with Crossley Street to form a 2 form entry school
- 5 Amalgamation of Deighton Gates with St James CE (VC) to form a 2 form entry school

RESOLVED – That the choice of option 1 be noted

19 Amendments to Home to School Transport Policy

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report on proposed amendments to the Home to School Transport Policy in accordance with the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to be implemented from September 2008.

A revised version of appendix 2 to the report was circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and that the revised policy, as contained in the tabled appendix 2 to the report, be approved for implementation.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

WEDNESDAY, 4TH JULY, 2007

PRESENT: Councillor M Harris in the Chair

Councillors A Carter, R Brett, R Finnigan,
R Harker, P Harrand, J Procter, S Smith,
K Wakefield and J Blake

Councillor J Blake – Non-voting advisory member

20 **Late Items**

The Chair admitted the following late items to the agenda:

Minute 25- A report on the impact of recent flooding in the City prepared following the events and after the despatch of the agenda.

Minute 33- A report on the proposed introduction of the Local Development Scheme prepared following a response from the Secretary of State and admitted to the agenda to allow approval to a variation to the date of implementation at the earliest opportunity.

21 **Exclusion of Public**

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as exempt on the grounds that it is likely, in the view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of the exempt information so designated as follows:

- a.) The appendix to the report referred to in minute 31 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4 (3) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information as disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the Council, by virtue of the fact that the appendix contains the Council's estimate of the fee that the proposed legal advisors would seek for providing the legal advice required by the Authority and, if this were disclosed, would prejudice the Council's position during the competitive procurement process for such legal advisors. By maintaining the exemption, it increases the Council's chance of securing a competitive and value for money tender for the commission.

22 **Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Brett declared a personal interest in the item relating to provision of a new children's centre at Allerton C of E Primary School (Minute 26) as Chair, and Councillor Harker as a member, of the Children Leeds Partnership.

A further declaration made during the meeting is referred to in minute 30 (Councillor Blake)

23 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2007 be approved as a correct record.

ADULT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

24 Response to Deputation from Parents and Carers Action Group for Terry Yorath House

The Director of Adult Social Services submitted a report responding to issues raised by the deputation to Council on 18th April 2007 regarding the future provision of service at Terry Yorath House. The report concluded that whilst consultations were still at an early stage, the Parents and Carers Action Group would be treated as a key stakeholder throughout the process.

RESOLVED – That the response of the Director to the deputation be noted and that a further report be submitted to the Board in November 2007 on the outcomes of the consultation and making appropriate recommendations.

CITY DEVELOPMENT

25 Impact of Flooding Events in June on the Leeds District

The Directors of City Development and Resources submitted a report on the impact of a number of significant flooding incidents between 15th and 25th June 2007 which affected areas across the whole of the Leeds district. The report highlighted the nature of the flooding, the initial understanding of its causes and made some preliminary suggestions as to how the Council and its partners might seek to respond to the events.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and endorsement given to the proposed preliminary actions.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

26 Design and Cost Report - Allerton C of E Primary School - Provision of a new Children's Centre

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report on proposals to incur expenditure of £650,000 in respect of a scheme to provide a Children's Centre at Allerton C of E Primary School. The report explained that the new Allerton C of E Primary School was to open in September 2007 following the amalgamation of Archbishop Cranmer C of E Primary School and Fir Tree Primary School. As a result, the site of the new school had been identified as a location for a Children's Centre.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the design proposals in respect of the scheme to provide a Children's Centre at Allerton C of E Primary School be approved;
- (b) That expenditure of £650,000 from capital scheme 13767/CEN/000 be authorised.

LEISURE

27 Design and Cost Report - Improvements to Golf Courses

The Chief Recreation Officer submitted a report requesting authority to spend £589,400 on improvement works at Temple Newsam, Roundhay Park, Middleton Park and Gotts Park golf courses arising from the Capital Receipt from the long-lease of Oulton Park golf course to De Vere's Hotels, the funds from which were injected into the 2006/07 Capital Programme.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to incur expenditure of £589,400 on golf course improvement works.

ADULT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

28 Capital Spending Plan - Improvements to Care Homes

The Director of Adult Social Services submitted a report on a proposal to inject £1,645,000 into the capital spending plan and to spend up to that amount on improvements to care homes. The report outlined that the injection would be made up of a £1,040,000 grant from the Department of Health alongside the £650,000 capital receipt from the sale of the Breece holiday home in Scarborough, designated for improvements to Local Authority care homes.

Both Local Authority and independent care homes had been asked to submit bids for funding for improvements, following which it had been agreed that £700,000 would be allocated to fifty six independent homes, with £327,000 to be spent within sixteen Local Authority facilities.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That approval be given for the remaining £650,000 of the capital receipt from the sale of the Breece be used to fund the capital scheme for improvements to care homes;
- (b) That approval be given for the injection of the scheme into the capital programme alongside authority to incur expenditure of £1,645,000;
- (c) That it be noted that the Director of Adult Social Services has delegated powers to vary individual awards and promote schemes from the reserve list.

CENTRAL AND CORPORATE

29 Revised Corporate Planning Framework

The Chief Officer (Executive Support) submitted a report on changes to the corporate planning framework for the city. The report identified a number of key changes including proposals to strengthen Elected Member involvement

in corporate planning and Local Area Agreement processes by means of a Member Reference Group.

It was proposed to merge the new Local Area Agreement and the Council's Corporate Plan into one single document entitled the Leeds Strategic Plan, which would sit alongside the Community Strategy, the Council Business Plan and the Annual Performance Plan. These documents were to be added to the Council's Budget and Policy Framework to reflect their status as part of the corporate planning framework for the city.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the new corporate planning framework be adopted;
- (b) That the proposal to amend the Constitution to include additions to the Council's Budget and Policy Framework be referred to the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee for consideration;
- (c) That the Chief Executive be requested to develop a plan setting out the timetable for implementation of the new framework;
- (d) That the proposal to establish a Member Reference Group to oversee developments in relation to the implementation of the new framework be noted.

30 Progress Report on the PPP / PFI Programme in Leeds

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report providing a six-monthly update on the governance and management framework for the Authority's PPP and PFI projects. Appended to the report was a breakdown of the status of current Council projects.

RESOLVED – That the current status of the Authority's PPP and PFI projects and programmes be noted.

(During the discussion on this item Councillor Blake declared a personal interest as a governor of Otley Prince Henry's Grammar School).

DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

31 Design and Cost Report - Proposed Arena Development

Further to minute 137 of the meeting held on 13th December 2006, the Director of City Development submitted a report on progress made in the operator procurement process for the proposed arena development.

Following consideration of the appendix to the report designated exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4 (3), in respect of which members had no questions or comments, it was;

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the progress made to date in the operator procurement process be noted;
- (b) That the Director of City Development be requested to approve both the long list and shortlist of potential operators and developers during the Competitive Dialogue procurement process;

- (c) That the tender evaluation criteria to be used in the procurement process for the appointment of the preferred developer for the proposed arena be noted;
- (d) That an injection of funds (as detailed in the exempt appendix to the report) into Capital Scheme No. 12589/ARE/000 for the incurred expenditure of the appointment of consultants to provide specialist legal advice to the Council on the operator and development procurement processes through to contract award / financial close be authorised.

32 Design and Cost Report - Neville Street Environmental Improvements

The Director of City Development submitted a report on progress made on environmental improvements to the Neville Street area and a proposal to incur expenditure of £5,091,400, on the scheme of which £3,091,400 would be funded from third party sources. The report explained that the scheme had altered significantly since its inception in 2004 and no longer included Dark Neville Street. As such it was proposed to rescind all previous approvals relating to the original project.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the scheme design proposals and brief as presented be approved;
- (b) That authority be given to rescind all previous approvals (scheme no. 01195;)
- (c) To approve the funding plan as presented and authorise an injection of £4,604,400 into Capital Scheme No. 13951 and scheme expenditure of that amount.

33 Leeds Local Development Framework - Local Development Scheme

Referring to minute 212 of the meeting held on 14th March 2007 the Director of City Development submitted a report indicating that the response of the Secretary of State had been received after the proposed date of introduction identified in that minute.

RESOLVED – That the Local Development Scheme be formally brought into effect from 5th July 2007.

NEIGHBOURHOODS AND HOUSING

34 Supporting People Programme - Audit Commission Inspection

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods and the Director of Adult Social Services submitted a report on the key findings and recommendations arising from the recent Audit Commission inspection of the Supporting People Programme. The report explained that the Council currently administered the programme which comprised the Local Authority, Health and Probation Services. As such, the inspection examined the overall capacity of the Council to administer the programme, for which it received a 'fair' one star rating, with 'promising prospects' for improvement.

RESOLVED – That the Board note the contents of the report and support the actions being undertaken to implement the Audit Commission's recommendations.

35 Lease at Less Than Best Consideration - Agreement to Lease 12 Miscellaneous Properties to LATCH on a 25 Year Lease Agreement

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report on a proposal to grant a long lease at less than best consideration for 12 Leeds City Council owned miscellaneous properties to Leeds Action To Create Homes Ltd (LATCH.) The report detailed how the proposals would ensure capital investment in the properties to bring them up to decency standard and contribute to the regeneration of the area.

Upon completion the flats would be let as affordable housing to tenants in line with the Council's Housing Strategy, with LATCH assuming responsibility for the full maintenance and repair of the properties over the terms of the lease.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the principle of a 25 year lease to LATCH at less than best consideration, subject to approval by the Director of City Development of the terms of the lease and a reasonable rental level to be payable during the term of the lease, having regard to the level of social rents receivable and costs of refurbishment, subsequent maintenance, management and other outgoings.

36 Disposal at Less Than Best Consideration - Waterloo Estate, Pudsey - For the provision of affordable housing

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report on the proposed disposal of two areas of land on the Waterloo Estate at less than best consideration to the Yorkshire Housing Association, for the purpose of developing 30 new build affordable homes through the Housing Corporation's Approved Development Programme.

The report outlined a number of options for the site which had been considered:

- 1 Disposal of sites A and C, as identified on the plan attached to the report, at less than best consideration to Yorkshire Housing for 30 affordable housing units;
- 2 Retention of land for two bungalows for supported housing under the city wide Independent Living Project;
- 3 Marketing of the remainder of the land within the pilot exercise for low cost home ownership, with the potential for a land swap to provide bungalows on the former Waterloo School site.

It was indicated during presentation of the report that 34 and not 30 units as stated in the report would be delivered, two being for social rent and two for shared ownership.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the principle of disposal of the two subject sites on the Waterloo Estate to Yorkshire Housing Association at £5,000 per plot (less than best consideration) subject to approval by the Director of City Development, in order to deliver 34 new affordable homes, through the Housing Corporation Grant.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

WEDNESDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 2007

PRESENT: Councillor M Harris in the Chair

Councillors A Carter, R Brett, J L Carter,
R Finnigan, R Harker, J Procter and
K Wakefield

Councillor J Blake –Non-voting advisory member

37 Exclusion of Public

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as exempt on the grounds that it is likely, in the view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of proceedings, that if members of the public were present there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information so designated as follows:

- a.) The appendix to the report referred to in minute 41 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4 (3) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information as disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the Council by virtue of the fact that the information contained within the appendix was obtained through inviting of best and final offers for the property and therefore to disclose this information at this point in time could lead to random competing bids which would undermine this method of inviting bids and affect the integrity of disposing of land / property by means of this process in the future. Also it is considered that the release of such information would or would be likely to prejudice the Council's commercial interests in relation to other similar transactions in that prospective purchasers of other similar properties about the nature and level of offers which may prove acceptable to the Council. It is considered that whilst there may be a public interest in disclosure, much of this information would be publicly available from the Land Registry following completion of this transaction and consequently the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information at this point in time.
- b.) The appendix to the report referred to in minute 42 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4 (3) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information as disclosure of the valuation of the site may be prejudicial to the commercial interests of the Council as it may prejudice the return that the Council may realise on a future sale of the site.

- c.) The appendix to the report referred to in minute 49 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4 (3) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information as disclosure would prejudice the Council's commercial interests as both the appendix and the outline business case include matters where negotiations of a confidential nature will ensue with the Local Education Partnership and Environments for Learning.
- d.) The appendix to the report referred to in minute 50 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4 (1 and 2) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information as Education Leeds has a duty to secure improvement and increased confidence in the schools concerned and this would be adversely affected by disclosure of the information.
- e.) The appendix to the report referred to in minute 51 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4 (1 and 2) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information as as Education Leeds has a duty to secure improvement and increased confidence in the schools concerned and this would be adversely affected by disclosure of the information.
- f.) The appendix to the report referred to in minute 53 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4 (3) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information as disclosure would prejudice the Council's commercial interests as the appendix details matters where negotiations of a confidential nature will ensue. In these circumstances it is considered that the public interest in not disclosing this commercial information outweighs the public interest in disclosure.
- g.) The appendix to the report referred to in minute 56 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4 (3) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information as disclosure would prejudice the Council's commercial interests as both the appendix and the outline business case include matters where negotiations of a confidential nature will ensue with the Local Education Partnership and Environments for Learning.

38 Declaration of Interests

Councillor J Procter declared a personal interest in the item relating to Leeds Grand Theatre as a Director of the theatre's Board and Councillor Blake as a Director of the theatre's and Opera North Boards.

Councillors Brett and Harker declared personal interests in the items relating to Children's Services PFI and reprovision of Holmfield Children's Home as Chair and as a member, respectively, of the Children Leeds Partnership.

39 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2007 be approved as a correct record.

DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

40 Draft Leeds Girls High School Planning and Development Brief

The Director of City Development submitted a report on the outcome of the recent public consultation on the Leeds Girls High School Planning and Development Brief. The report also responded to the deputation made to Council in July 2007 on the same subject.

The report outlined a number of options for the site which were recommended for consideration:

1. For the brief to remain essentially the same, with a number of amendments as outlined at paragraph 9.3 of the report. These would include changes to affordable housing provision and the height and density of proposed buildings on the South West corner of the site;
2. To change the brief more radically to meet the wishes of the local community and Elected Members. This would include protecting the playing fields from development;
3. Recognition that the Council's efforts to meet a broad agreement with the school, local community and Elected Members had been unsuccessful and to withdraw the brief.

Documentation and correspondence from G Mulholland MP, Friends of Woodhouse Moor, Councillor Illingworth and a petition were circulated to members of the Board.

RESOLVED – That the planning brief be withdrawn and the future of the school site be determined through the planning process. Outside of the planning process the Council would facilitate further discussions on the future of the site should relevant parties request.

NEIGHBOURHOODS AND HOUSING

41 The former Royal Park Primary School

The Director of City Development and the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a joint report on the disposal of the former Royal Park Primary School site. The report recommended the disposal, through the grant of a long leasehold interest, to the preferred developer with the required library and community space being the subject of a long sub-lease back to the Council at a peppercorn rent.

Further to a marketing exercise to identify proposals for the site, Members were informed that two such proposals were considered to be viable options for consideration. These were as follows:

1. That all of the school building, other than that given over to the Council's uses, be converted to residential use with around forty apartments and twenty seven car parking spaces, with a complete separation between the residential element and the Council's uses.
2. That more recent extensions to the school building be demolished and replaced with more sympathetic new-build elements. The main use of the building would then be given over to eighty age-related assisted living units with an on-site warden to be managed privately.

Documentation and correspondence from Councillors Hussain, Morton and Rhodes-Clayton, the Leeds Muslim Council, and Royal Park Community Consortium were circulated to members of the Board.

Following consideration of the appendices to the report designated as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3), which were considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting, it was

RESOLVED –

- a.) That a preferred developer be selected on the basis of the schemes described at section 3 of the report as recommended in the exempt appendix;
- b.) That the proposal that the disposal should be on the basis of less than best consideration exercising the Council's powers under the General Consent 2003 as set out in the report be approved;
- c.) That the disposal of a long leasehold interest in the property to the selected developer at the value set out in paragraphs 3.3 and 3.8 of the exempt appendix, subject to a requirement that the Council be granted a sub-leasehold interest at a peppercorn rent, be approved;
- d.) That the decision on any 'less than best' reduction in this disposal value which may arise as a result of the detailed negotiations be delegated to the Director of City Development in consultation with the Executive Member for Development and Regeneration;
- e.) That the consultation process described at 4.5 of the report to determine the precise nature and use of the community space be approved and that a report be brought back to the Board in this respect;
- f.) That the commencement of negotiations with the preferred developer for the undertaking of the fit-out of the library and community space as part of the main contract for the refurbishment with the costs of these works to be deducted from the capital receipt, subject to the Directors of Environment and Neighbourhoods and City Development being satisfied that these costs represent value for money, be approved.

(Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.5 Councillor Wakefield required it to be recorded that he voted against this decision).

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

42 Deputation to Council - Lingfields and Fir Trees Residents Group re: Fir Tree Primary School Site

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report on the deputation made by Lingfield and Fir Trees Residents Group to Council in June 2007 following the decision to close Fir Tree Primary School and to recommend that further work be undertaken to identify the most appropriate way to meet community needs.

It was reported that Education Leeds had need of the school site until 2010 however, so no new community facilities would be able to be developed before this time, giving an opportunity for a more in-depth analysis of the need for community facilities in the area.

Following consideration of the appendix to the report designated as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3), which was considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting, it was

RESOLVED –

- a.) That the North East Area Management Team work with partner agencies, through the Moor Allerton Partnership, (MAP) to lead on a programme of public consultation and partner agency work to consider the future needs of the area for community activities, provision and facilities;
- b.) That the Area Management Team and MAP also work together to facilitate the continuation of community activities and provision currently being accommodated at Fir Tree School.

LEISURE

43 Wharfemeadows Park Fencing Proposals - Recommendation of the Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure)

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report on the decision of the Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure) to request that work to erect a fence at Wharfemeadows Park be suspended whilst a scrutiny enquiry into the issue is undertaken. In conjunction with this the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) submitted a report commenting upon the request.

RESOLVED – That the request of the Scrutiny Board be not acceded to and that the decision of 13th June 2007 (minute 9) be implemented.

(Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.5 Councillor Wakefield required it to be recorded that he abstained from voting on this matter).

DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

44 Deputation to Council - Representatives of the Leeds Licensed Taxi Trade Regarding Concerns Over Insufficient Taxi Ranks in Leeds

The Director of City Development submitted a report responding to concerns raised by a deputation to Council in July 2007 made by the Leeds Licensed Taxi Trade regarding the number of taxi ranks in Leeds. The deputation had raised concerns regarding the time taken to carry out a review of taxi rank provision in the city centre.

The report gave an update as to the status of the review. It was outlined that a draft Traffic Regulation Order was in the process of being drafted which would allow the Council to enforce the ranks and take action against those illegally parked within them. Progress was also being made towards the creation of additional 24-hour ranks.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report in response to the deputation be noted.

45 Street Trading Act of Parliament

The Director of City Development submitted a report on the current arrangements for street trading in Leeds city centre and the district as a whole and proposing that approval be given to the promotion of a local Act of Parliament to deal with pedlars and street trading. As a core city with an attractive retail centre, Leeds would find itself increasingly at risk from unregulated street sellers unless a suitable solution was adopted.

RESOLVED –

- a.) That the possible benefits to the city of a local act and the estimated costs be noted;
- b.) That Council be recommended to authorise the promotion of a local Act of Parliament to deal with pedlars and street trading and to authorise the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) to agree minor amendments to the Bill at any stage during its promotion.

46 Major Transport Schemes - Local Government Act Section 31 Grant Claim

The Director of City Development submitted a report on the terms and conditions of the Section 31 Grant Determination for major schemes in 2007/08 and requested that delegated authority be granted to the Director of Resources to accept and submit all future claims.

The report outlined that as part of the offer of a Section 31 Grant the Department for Transport apply a number of legally binding and financially significant terms and conditions which need to be agreed by Authorities. It was reported that none of the conditions were considered unacceptable or likely to cause the Council any difficulties.

RESOLVED –

- a.) That the acceptance of the Section 31 Grant offer to Leeds City Council for 2007/08 under the terms and conditions offered be approved;
- b.) That the Director of Resources be confirmed as having the delegated authority for the acceptance and submission of all future grant offers under the terms and conditions offered.

NEIGHBOURHOODS AND HOUSING

47 Design and Cost Report - Disabled Facilities Grants

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report requesting an additional injection of £2m into the Capital Programme and seeking authority to spend an additional £4.5m on Disabled Facilities Grants for 2007/08. Such investment would represent significant additional investment for the purpose of altering dwellings in order to give increased independence for disabled residents.

RESOLVED –

- a.) That the injection into the capital programme of £2m be noted;
- b.) That scheme expenditure of up to £4.5m be authorised;
- c.) That officers be instructed to bring a report back in the future on the progress of the scheme.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

48 Deputation to Council - Parents of Fountain Primary School regarding the loss of teachers at the school

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report in response to the deputation to Council in June 2007 by the parents of Fountain Primary School regarding resources and staffing issues at the school following the opening of the school in September 2005 as the result of a merger.

RESOLVED –

- a.) That the concerns expressed by the deputation be noted;
- b.) That the establishment of a Scrutiny Board working group to undertake an independent inquiry into the matter be noted;
- c.) That Education Leeds' assurance that the comments received as part of the deputation be placed as part of the evidence for the inquiry be noted.

49 Leeds Building Schools for the Future Phases 2 and 3 - Submission of the Outline Business Case

The Director of Children's Services and the Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a joint report on the outline business case for phases 2 and 3 of the Council's wave one Building Schools for the Future programme, for the re-building and refurbishing of fourteen secondary schools in Leeds over three phases.

Following consideration of the appendix to the report designated as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4 (3), which was considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting, it was

RESOLVED –

- a.) That the outline business case for phases 2 and 3 of the Council's Wave 1 Building Schools for the Future Programme be approved and that its submission to the Department for Children, Schools and Families and to the Partnerships for Schools be authorised;
- b.) That the capital expenditure and funding as set out in table 2 of the exempt appendix to the report be agreed;
- c.) That the affordability implications over the life of the proposed PFI contract for the new West Leeds High School, as summarised in the exempt appendix, be agreed;
- d.) That the comments in paragraph 2 of the exempt appendix, that the proposed West Leeds High School PFI will provide good value for money to the City Council and the public sector, be noted;
- e.) That the recommendations contained in the exempt appendix be approved and officers be authorised to issue the Council's affordability thresholds relating to both the PFI element and the design and build element to the LEP and Environments for Learning.

50 Termly Report on Standards in Leeds Primary Schools and Update on OfSTED Inspections and Schools Causing Concern

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report on the outcome of recent OfSTED inspections in Leeds Primary Schools and an update on schools causing concern.

Following consideration of appendix 2 to the report designated as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4 (1 and 2), which was considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting, it was

RESOLVED – That the report be noted together with the successes in primary schools and strategies for improvement that have been developed to support further increases in achievement for all pupils, groups and schools.

51 Termly Report on Standards in Leeds High Schools and Update on OfSTED Inspections and Schools Causing Concern

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report on the outcome of recent OfSTED inspections in Leeds High Schools and an update on schools causing concern.

Following consideration of appendix 2 to the report and an addendum designated as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4 (1 and 2), which was considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting, it was

RESOLVED – That the report be noted together with the strategies for improvement that have been developed to support further increases in achievement for all pupils groups and schools.

52 Allerton C of E Primary School - Additional Classroom Accommodation

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report which sought authority to proceed with a proposed scheme to provide additional classroom accommodation at Allerton C of E Primary School. The report outlined that the school would open in September 2007 as a result of the merger of Archbishop Cranmer C of E Primary and Fir Tree Primary Schools.

The works were necessary as the new school had been identified as the location of a new Children's Centre facility, however the present building was not capable of housing the required number of children and therefore additional building work would need to take place.

RESOLVED –

- a.) That the design proposals in respect of the scheme to provide additional classroom accommodation at Allerton C of E Primary School be approved;
- b.) That expenditure of £1,220,000 from capital scheme 13767/EXT/000 be authorised;
- c.) That the reimbursement of the incurred expenditure against the scheme from the realisation of a future capital receipt be approved, to be injected into the Education capital receipt for reinvestment into the Education estate.

53 Children's Services Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Project

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report on the proposed Children's Services PFI project with the recommendation that it be included within the scope of the Independent Living PFI procurement. The report outlined a proposal to utilise PFI credits to build and equip a residential unit to offer short breaks for young people with learning disabilities and behavioural problems. This was part of the wider modernisation programme for Independent Living, which currently sought to improve housing, care and services for learning disabled adults in the city.

Following consideration of the appendix to the report designated as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3), which was considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting, it was

RESOLVED –

- a.) That the extension of the scope of the Independent Living Project to include the procurement of the Children's Services PFI Project be approved;
- b.) That the Children's Services PFI projects as outlined in the report be approved;
- c.) That the financial issues covered within appendix 1 of the report be noted;
- d.) That the affordability threshold for the first full year of the Unitary Charge 2010/11 as set out in appendix 1 be agreed;
- e.) That the agreed affordability threshold as set out in appendix 1 be issued to bidders.

- 54 Design and Cost Report - Improvement Works to Various Establishments to Reprovide for the Loss of Holmfield Children's Home**
The Chief Officer, Children and Young People's Social Care submitted a report on the decanting requirements after the closure of Holmfield Children's Home which also sought permission to release part of the future capital receipt to the value of £226,210. The report outlined a summary of proposed works to be undertaken to minimise the impact of the placement move for those children affected by the closure of Holmfield.

RESOLVED –

- a.) That £226,210 of the capital receipt from the sale of Holmfield be used to fund the relocation costs as outlined in the report;
- b.) That the injection of the scheme into the capital programme be approved and authority given to incur expenditure of £226,210.

LEISURE

- 55 Leeds Grand Theatre Refurbishment, Phase 2 Works**
The Director of City Development submitted a report on the final cost of phase one works for the refurbishment of the Grand Theatre and on proposals for phase two of the works to continue the refurbishment of the theatre and renovate the adjacent Assembly Room.

The Director of City Development reported that the estimated construction and total project costs for the phase 2 works were within the total budget provision.

In presenting the report the Executive Member (Leisure) reported because of timing arrangements in relation to the contract there could be significant cost implications if this decision was to be subject to Call In.

RESOLVED –

- a.) That the revised estimated final cost of the phase 1 works at £22,365,000 be noted;
- b.) That a fully funded injection of £19,605 into existing capital scheme no. 03611/PH1/000 and the incurring of expenditure on the phase 1 works to refurbish the Grand Theatre be authorised;
- c.) That the current position regarding the proposed phase 2 works to refurbish Leeds Grand Theatre and adjacent Assembly Room be noted;
- d.) That the Council be authorised to conclude a grant agreement with the Arts Council England for a grant of £2,200,000 towards the cost of refurbishing the Leeds Grand Theatre and adjacent Assembly Room;
- e.) That an injection of £400,000 into existing capital scheme no. 03611/PH2/000 to be funded from Leeds Grand Theatre and Opera House Ltd and the Opera North and Leeds Grand Theatre Development Trust;
- f.) That, subject to concluding grant funding agreements with Arts Council England and the Heritage Lottery Fund, authorisation be given to entering into a building works contract with the preferred participating

- contractor and to authorise total expenditure of £10,459,000 from existing capital scheme no. 03611/PH2/000 on the proposed refurbishment of Leeds Grand Theatre and Assembly Room;
- g.) That it be noted that the Council will be responsible for any cost overruns that may occur on the project that cannot be contained within the phase 2 project budget of £10,664,000.
 - h.) That this decision be exempt from the provisions of Call In.

56 Leeds New Leaf Leisure Centres - Affordability Position

The Director of City Development submitted a report seeking agreement on the estimated affordability implications over the life of the proposed PFI contract for the new leisure centres in Armley and Morley. The report also requested permission to issue an outline proposal to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) regarding the potential to replace the existing leisure centre at Holt Park.

Following consideration of the appendix to the report designated as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3), which was considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting, it was

RESOLVED –

- a.) That the following recommendations from the exempt appendix be agreed:
 - i.) The funding of the annual revenue deficits set out in detail in the annexe to the exempt appendix and at paragraph 2.6 of the appendix;
 - ii.) The funding of the annual client contract management costs following the successful signing of the contract;
 - iii.) That the approvals in (i) and (ii) above be subject to a.) the subsequent successful conclusion of negotiations through the Leeds LEP Ltd; and b.) further reports being submitted to the Board at appropriate times during the procurement, culminating in the approval of the submission of the Final Business Case and appropriate authorities to enter into the Contract at Final Close.

- b.) That the following recommendations from the open report be agreed:
 - i.) That the recommendations to the confidential appendix to the report be agreed and officers be authorised to issue the City Council's affordability thresholds relating to the PFI project to the LEP and to Environments for Learning;
 - ii.) That an outline proposal be issued to the DCMS regarding the potential to replace the existing leisure centre at Holt Park and pump prime the regeneration of the district centre and linkages with the community theatre and library at Ralph Thoresby PFI school should additional PFI credits become available be agreed.

ADULT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

57 Reprovision of Windlesford Green Hostel for adults with learning disabilities and site disposal at less than best consideration

The Director of Adult Health and Social Care submitted a report on plans to reprovide the Supported Living Service for twenty seven people with a learning disability at Windlesford Green and to dispose of the Windlesford Green site at less than best consideration to enable the construction of suitable accommodation that meets the needs of service users and care standards requirements.

Three options were identified in the report for Members' consideration, as outlined below:

1. Continue providing services in the current building. This would lead to the loss of Supporting People income and refurbishment capital costs, and would also result in the loss of benefit income for residents.
2. Provide the service in a dispersed model. This would increase service operating costs to an unaffordable £250,000 per annum.
3. Single site development. Whilst this involves some loss of gross income through housing benefit, this is significantly less than losses experienced under option 1. The sale of the site would also release a capital receipt. This option was identified as most favourable as it met the strategic need to provide services within individuals homes and carried the lowest level of capital risk and revenue liability for the Authority.

RESOLVED –

- a.) That option 3 (single site development) be approved for the reprovision of Windlesford Green;
- b.) That proposals for the disposal of the site at less than best consideration to a value forgone of £455,000 or less dependent on the success of the bid for a Housing Corporation Grant be approved.

CENTRAL AND CORPORATE

58 Capital Programme Monitoring Update 2007/08

The Director of Resources submitted a report giving an update on the resources and estimated spend on the Capital Programme between 2006 and 2009 and highlighting the success of the scheme in delivering investment across the city. The report outlined capital programme pressures and recommended injections into the programme to address these.

RESOLVED –

- a.) That the contents of the report be noted;
- b.) That the Capital Programme injections detailed in paragraphs 3.1.3 to 3.1.10 of the report and appendix A be approved;
- c.) That the Director of Resources be given delegated authority to release funds from a capital contingency scheme of £200,000 for expenditure towards the World Corporate Games;

- d.) That the key principles for managing and controlling the Capital Programme as detailed in paragraph 3.1.11 of the report be approved;
- e.) That the amendment to the capital strategy as outlined in paragraph 3.4 of the report and Appendix B be approved;
- f.) That the measures being taken by the Director of Resources, in liaison with other directors, to ensure the affordability and sustainability of the Capital Programme be endorsed.

59 Financial Health Monitoring 2007/2008 - Quarter 1 Report

The Director of Resources submitted a report on the financial health of the Authority following the first three months of the new financial year, in respect of the revenue budget for general fund services and the housing revenue account.

RESOLVED –

- a.) That the projected financial position of the authority after three months of the financial year be noted;
- b.) That the treatment of LABGI and capital finance savings be approved;
- c.) That the use of up to £195,000 to fund new year pressures being £150,000 for flood alleviation, £24,000 for the part year costs of increasing Youth Service budgets delegated to Area Committees, and £45,000 for the co-location of business and enterprise with the Chamber of Commerce.

60 Treasury Management Annual Report

The Director of Resources submitted a report on the Treasury Management Strategy and operations for 2006/07 as required under the Prudential Code introduced in April 2004. This lifted the restriction on local authority borrowing and created a mechanism to stimulate capital investment, encouraging authorities to borrow whilst interest rates were at a low.

The report outlined that due to long term low interest rates and the restructuring of market loans throughout the year, the Council had made £22.2m in revenue savings.

RESOLVED – That the Treasury Management outturn position for 2006/07 be noted.

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(Scrutiny Support will notify Directors of any items called in by 12:00 noon on Thursday 6th September 2007.)

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Report of the Head of Policy, Performance and Improvement

Meeting: Culture and Leisure Scrutiny Board

Date: 10th September 2007

Subject: Performance Report Quarter 1 2007/08

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report discusses the key performance issues considered to be of corporate significance identified for the Culture and Leisure Scrutiny Board as at 30th June 2007. In addition, the report also includes a predicted CPA score for 2007/08 and a performance table detailing all PI's for this Board.

2 Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to present the key areas of under performance at the end of Quarter 1 (1st April and 30th June 2007).

3 Background Information

- 3.1 This 'highlight report' has been prepared in readiness for the Accountability process, which includes the CMT meeting on 14th August, Leader Management Team on 23rd August and Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 11th September.
- 3.2 The issues discussed in this report have been identified because performance in these areas impacts upon one or more of the following; the delivery of effective services, the delivery of our corporate priorities; our CPA score; or our ability to deliver efficiency savings. This report is supported by detailed PI information.
- 3.3 Any improvement in assessment scores should potentially have a positive impact on the council's Direction of Travel assessment and overall CPA Star Rating.

4 CPA Performance issues

4.1 The table below summarises our predicted CPA scores for February 2008.

| | Direction of Travel | Star Category | Corporate Assessment | Level 1 Services | | | Level 2 Services | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Use of Resources | Children & Young People | Social Care (Adults) | Benefits | Culture Service Assessment | Environment Service Assessment | Housing Service Assessment |
| CPA 2006 | Improving Adequately | 3 star | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| CPA 2007 (provisional) | | 4 star | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |

4.2 The CPA 2007 provisional score is mainly based on the category scores allocated in 2006. Where this applies the cells are highlighted in grey. This information will be updated as and when assessment scores are confirmed during 2007/08.

4.3 The provisional CPA 2007 Service Assessment scores for Culture, Environment and Housing are included in each Accountability report. These are mainly based on 2006/07 year-end returns, however there are a number of instances where other methods are used.

4.4 The Audit Commission have confirmed the PIs which are to be included in the 2007 CPA Service Assessments and the thresholds to be used to calculate the scores. The above scores have been updated to reflect this, however it must be noted that there are still several outstanding issues which could result in the Culture service assessment score becoming a 2.

The Housing score also takes into account service inspections undertaken between 1 January 2005 and 31 December 2007.

4.5 At this stage we are unable to make an informed judgement as to our predicted Direction of Travel score.

4.6 For a more detailed breakdown of the CPA service assessment scores please see Appendix 1.

5 Culture and Leisure Performance Issues

5.1.1 **BV170c – The number of pupils visiting museums and galleries in organised school groups.**

The closure of the Art Gallery has impacted adversely on the performance in the first quarter of this year. However, the gallery has now re-opened and the annual predicted result is expected to increase once the impact of the re-opened Art Gallery is better understood. Figures here have also been severely affected by the closure of Thwaite Mills due to flooding in June, in addition there has also been a number of vacant posts and sickness at other sites. The opening of the Art Gallery and the programme for the Leeds Museum Discovery Centre may help to improve visitor numbers during the course of the year.

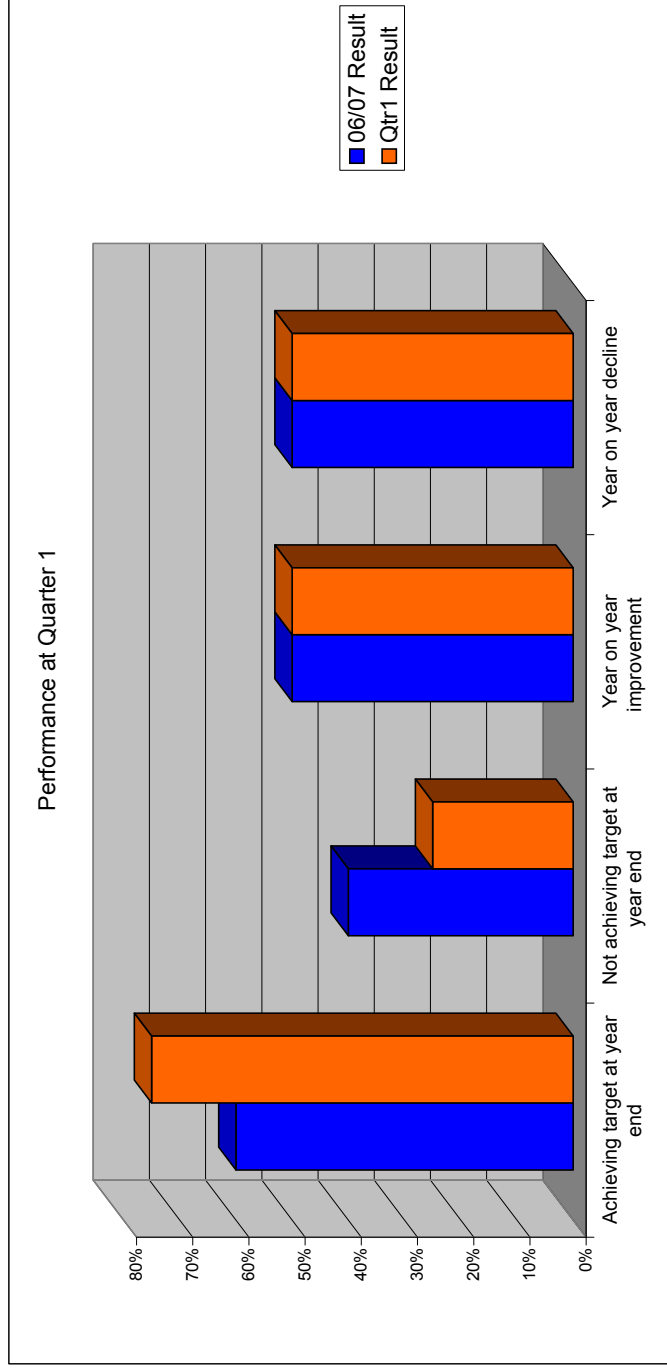
Recommendations

It is recommended that the Scrutiny Committee considers the Quarter 1 performance information and highlight any areas for further scrutiny.

Culture and Leisure Quarter 1 Performance Report 2007/08

| | 07/08 Result to Date | 2006/07 Result |
|--|----------------------|----------------|
| Percentage of indicators achieving target at year end - based on Predicated Full Year Result | 75% | 60% |
| Percentage of indicators not achieving target at year end - based on Predicated Full Year Result* (This includes any amber traffic lights due to a tolerance level being set) | 25% | 40% |
| Percentage of indicators showing a year on year improvement based on Predicated Full Year Result* | 50% | 50% |
| Percentage of indicators showing a year on year decline based on Predicated Full Year Result* | 50% | 50% |
| Percentage of indicators in All England Top Quartile based on Predicated Full Year Result* | 100% | 67% |
| Percentage of indicators in All England Bottom Quartile based on Predicated Full Year Result* | 0% | 0% |

Please note predicted performance can change each quarter*



| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 11a | 12 | 13 | 14 |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|--|--|---------------------|
| Reference | Title | Service | Frequency & Measure | Good Performance | 2006/07 Year-End | 2007/08 Target | Current Position as at 30 June 07 | Predicted Full Year Result | Year on Year Improvement Trend | All England Top Quartile (Based on 2005/06 Year-End data) | All England Bottom Quartile (Based on 2005/06 Year-End data) | Core City Average (Based on 2005/06 Year-End data) | Core City position 1 = Top 8 = Bottom (Based on 2005/06 Year-End data) | Data Quality Issues |
| BV-170a | a. The number of visits/enquiries/website hits to museums per 1,000 population. | Museums and Galleries | Quarterly No. | Rise | 942.00 | 935.00 | 185.00 | 1,156.00 | ↑ | 958.00 | 133.00 | 2,093.00 | 8 | Some concerns |
| Comments | <p>The Service is going through profound change through to August 2008 when the new museum opens. Target setting is very difficult in this period of transition, but the ambition of the service is to limit and manage the inevitable decline before improvements can have an impact in raising the figures.</p> <p>The quarter 1 result demonstrates how the closure of the Art Gallery for redevelopment throughout this quarter has reduced the number of physical visits. The result has also been affected by flooding which has meant that all of the Museum and Gallery sites were closed for varying periods of time. In relation to internet visits, the websites are also of poor quality and the service is working with the council web team to pilot a completely new approach to websites for services. This is due to be launched later in 2007-08, and is expected to improve the user experience.</p> <p>The predicted annual result exceeds the target and upper tolerance, taking account of increased uptake at the Art Gallery from the end of quarter 1.</p> <p>Data quality has been set to amber for this indicator to reflect the difficulty in accurately measuring footfall at cultural facilities, many of which are free of charge. The service is considering options to improve confidence in the results.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Culture and Leisure Quarter 1 Performance Report 2007/08

| Reference | Title | Service | Frequency & Measure | Good Performance | 2006/07 Year-End | 2007/08 Target | Current Position as at 30 June 07 | Predicted Full Year Result | Year on Year Improvement Trend | All England Top Quartile (Based on 2005/06 Year-End data) | All England Bottom Quartile (Based on 2005/06 Year-End data) | Core City Average (Based on 2005/06 Year-End data) | Core City position 1 = Top 8 = Bottom (Based on 2005/06 Year-End data) | Data Quality Issues |
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| BV-170b | The number of those visits that were in person per 1,000 population | Museums and Galleries | Quarterly No. | Rise | 534.00 | 530.00 | 85.00 | 646.00 | ↑ | 523.00 | 87.00 | 1,330.00 | 6 | Some concerns |
| Comments | <p>The closure of the Art Gallery during this period, which normally sees high numbers of visitors, has had a major impact in lowering the result for this indicator in quarter 1. Loss of opening hours due to flooding has further exacerbated this reduction, particularly at Thwaite Mills which suffered a lengthy closure and resulted in the loss of one of their four major annual events which normally provides a significant contribution to visitor figures each year. Furthermore, the land and building have been badly contaminated by sewage, making the outdoor activities very difficult.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the reopening of the Art Gallery and the opening of the Discovery Centre will mean that the visitor figures will recover by the end of the year, and on this basis the predicted annual result exceeds the annual target and upper tolerance. However the impact of the floods may make it more difficult for the service to achieve this level.</p> <p>Data quality has been set to amber for this indicator to reflect the difficulty in accurately measuring footfall at cultural facilities, many of which are free of charge. The Service is considering options to improve confidence in the results recorded, including the possibility of conducting an annual sample of physical visitor numbers.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BV-170c | The number of pupils visiting museums and galleries in organised school groups | Museums and Galleries | Quarterly No. | Rise | 26,151.00 | 27,900.00 | 5,595.00 | 26,026.00 | ↓ | 8,156.00 | 641.00 | 34,406.00 | 5 | No concerns |
| Comments | <p>Q1 figure demonstrates the problems caused by the restructure which has been heavily delayed. This has resulted in vacancies not being replaced, with only one Education Officer now remaining which significantly reduces the service's capacity to engage school groups.</p> <p>The restructure has now commenced, however due to the length of time it may take to recruit into the vacant educational posts, the process is not likely to be complete until Spring 2008. As a result, and even taking into account of the recently re-opened Art Gallery, predicted annual performance falls below the target and lower tolerance.</p> <p>In relation to target setting, it should be noted that there is a maximum number of school groups that can be accommodated due to the number of school days available in the year and the number of spaces for learning that can be offered on each visit according to the capacity of each site.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CP-CU50b LKI-SP9c LAA-EDEZ3b | Visits to the City Council's cultural facilities - Sport & Active Recreation | Sport | Quarterly No. | Rise | 4,152,075.00 | 4,100,000.00 | 1,042,318.00 | 4,130,000.00 | ↓ | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | No concerns |
| Comments | <p>In 2006/07 the service achieved a result of 4,152,075 visitors to sports facilities against a target of 3,950,000. This exceptional performance was based on a high take up of Bodyline memberships for the City Council's gym and swimming facilities. The target for 2007/08 of 4,100,000 is higher than the previous years target but lower than the actual result to account for the fact that it is likely that Bodyline take up will level off in the face of competition in the City. The predicted performance for the year reflects good performance in the first period but caution regarding the service's ability to maintain the exceptional levels of Bodyline subscriptions seen in 2006/07 through to the 2007/08 year end.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



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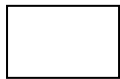
Report of the Director of City Development

Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure)

Date: 10th September 2007

Subject: **INDIAN INTERNATIONAL FILM ACADEMY YORKSHIRE 9-10 JUNE 2007
EVALUATION**

Electoral Wards Affected:



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Purpose: This report reviews the IIFA weekend 9-10 June 2007 as it affected Leeds, makes an assessment of the immediate and longer term impact, and comments on the Leeds Mela (renamed Bollywood in the Park) which was brought forward from August to co-incide with the IIFA weekend.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Indian International Film Academy (IIFA) awards “weekend” (the Bollywood Oscars) took place in Yorkshire over four days in June (Thursday 7 to Sunday 10). The highlight was the awards ceremony itself which took place at the Hallam FM Arena in Sheffield. The other major events were a film premier at Xscape, Castleford, a business event at the Royal Armouries, a celebrity cricket match at Headingley and a film programme at the National Media Museum, Bradford. The event was launched at a press conference at Leeds Town Hall, and the Town Hall hosted the media centre for the overall event with many international journalists present.
- 1.2 Yorkshire Forward led the bid for the IIFA awards weekend which was a Yorkshire bid, with activities in a number of locations across the region as indicated above. Previous hosts had either been cities or city-states, including Amsterdam, Dubai, Singapore and Johannesburg. The main events were organised by a company called Wizcraft who own the IIFA brand. Wizcraft had a team based in Leeds – co-located with Marketing Leeds.
- 1.3 In addition to the main events, Cities were encouraged to organise ‘fringe events’. There was no financial support for this, and the ability to attract additional sponsorship using the IIFA brand was limited by Wizcraft who needed sponsorship for the main events.

- 1.4 To co-ordinate matters across the region, Yorkshire Forward initially established a steering group including local authorities and Chaired by the Yorkshire Tourist Board (YTB). (YTB had been contracted by Yorkshire Forward to deliver all activities and requirements other than the main events). This steering group proved unwieldy and was replaced by a small group of key regional players.
- 1.5 The IIFA weekend was a success, with considerable favourable publicity regionally, nationally and internationally. Attached is a letter from Yorkshire Forward sent to partners across the region thanking them for their input to a successful weekend.

2. IIFA IN LEEDS

- 2.1 The main events in Leeds organised by Wizcraft passed off smoothly. A last minute party for one of the Bollywood stars – Shilpa Shetty – which took place in the Victoria Quarter had the potential for Health and Safety and public order issues. However the work of city council staff, the police and other agencies ensured that there were no issues on the night.
- 2.2 As well as the major events in Leeds as indicated in 1.1 above, there was a Leeds ‘fringe festival’. This comprised largely of existing events which were re-badged to be associated with the IIFA events, but did include for example the show ‘Bollywood Jane’ at the West Yorkshire Playhouse. The traditional Leeds Mela was brought forward from its normal weekend to coincide with the IIFA weekend, and the organisers took the opportunity to rethink and develop the event into “Bollywood in the Park”.

Fringe Events in Leeds

- 2.3 Fringe events took place in Leeds from 2nd – 30th June, with most events concentrated around the IIFA Weekend of 9th and 10th June. The Fringe took place in partnership with Oxfam, whose key shops in Leeds were Otley Road in Headingley and Duncan Street in the city centre. The shops featured window displays, clothes and fair trade jewellery all with an Asian theme. Leeds Metropolitan University also launched a partnership with IIFA which provided various opportunities for staff and students, including an awareness raising month, a filmmakers’ contest, two new academic chairs and a chance for 150 students to volunteer during the weekend.
- 2.4 Yorkshire Dance ran Bollywood dance courses in April, May and June taught by renowned professional dancer Zoobin Surty and West Yorkshire Playhouse presented Bollywood Jane from 2 to 30 June, a high quality artistic performance of a gritty story set in Bradford, interspersed with fantasy Bollywood dance scenes. The total audience figure was over 9,400 and the total Box Office income was £111,055.
- 2.5 Bollywood films were shown on the Big Screen in Millennium Square in the days leading up to the awards and people were directed to “Bollywood in the Park” for the weekend.
- 2.6 The IIFA Awards ceremony was broadcast live on a big screen in Roundhay Park on Saturday 9 June, to an audience of several thousand. “Bollywood in the Park” took place on Sunday 10 June and featured the “West is East” VIP exclusive fashion show, two stages with performances by British Asian talent and visits by Bollywood stars who signed autographs for fans, a wedding and lifestyle arena, multicultural cuisine and craft stalls. The event was very successful and attended by approximately 80,000 people in total; 25,000 on Saturday and 55,000 on Sunday.

- 2.7 A guide to the events taking place in Leeds during the IIFA weekend was distributed widely, with approximately 48,000 brochures being circulated around the city to restaurants, shops, take-aways, bars, hotels, cafes, sandwich shops and hairdressers. The brochures were well received, with a lot of positive interest being expressed in the IIFA weekend.
- 2.8 In addition a complementary visitor brochure 'summer in the city' was produced in time for the IIFA event and including details of all up-coming events and was made widely available for visitors and guests. This brochure was aimed at encouraging visitors to the IIFA weekend to return to Leeds, and also at visitors and potential visitors who were not necessarily interest in the IIFA weekend, but whose awareness of Leeds had been raised by the IIFA event.
- 2.9 The press and media centre for the whole weekend was based at the Town Hall and the opportunity was taken to ensure all journalists had promotional material about Leeds and "goody bags" which included *leedslliveitloveit* bags and pens, Leeds fact sheets, information on city development, business tourism news, tourist brochures, maps and general information about the City. In the lead up to the IIFA weekend, enquiries have been received from a number journalists including from Star TV, Zee TV and The Times of India. Further contacts are expected as a result of our targeting of journalists at the press/media centre.

3. IMPACT ON LEEDS

- 3.1 International and local press coverage of the event generally, and the coverage of and in Leeds was positive. This will undoubtedly have benefited Leeds international profile. It was also a positive profile of an important part of the Leeds community, and will hopefully therefore have contributed to community cohesion. Indeed one of the benefits of hosting the IIFA weekend claimed by the organisers is the bringing together of communities and cultures across many continents.
- 3.2 However, it is extremely difficult to accurately assess the impact of the IIFA awards on the City – either the immediate impact or the longer term benefits as regard tourism, business or as a film location. Yorkshire Forward has commissioned an evaluation and this is underway. The final report is expected later in the autumn, but is unlikely to include details of specific benefits to individual places. We must therefore rely on anecdotal evidence. Feedback has been obtained from hotels and restaurants, and from our experience at our Tourist Information Centre, Gateway Yorkshire.
- 3.3 Gateway Yorkshire was one of only five ticket agents for the main awards ceremony and sold the majority of its allocation. Only some of the cheaper seats remained unsold. During the weekend itself, visitor numbers to Gateway were up compared to the same weekend the previous year, and many were visiting because of the IIFA weekend.
- 3.4 The Leeds hotels had a mixed experience. Not surprisingly the DeVere Hotel, Outlon where the stars were staying saw a significant increase in business, and a few others were full or almost full. However other hotels did not see an increase in bookings, and restaurants, bars and shops have not reported any noticeable increase in revenues.
- 3.5 Despite this there was a general opinion from business that the IIFA weekend had helped raise the profile of Leeds and Yorkshire, and that this should have longer term benefits.

3.6 Community involvement/impact

As well as 'Bollywood in the Park' mentioned above, the focus on Indian Films enabled key local communities to feel engaged by the event. "Bollywood in the Park" drew a mixed audience together leading to greater understanding and better cohesion. Some of the stars did make appearances in neighbourhoods and the City and this gave a local focus and 'human interest'. Many people in our communities were excited that Yorkshire was hosting the IIFA Awards and welcome the chance to see the stars.

4. COSTS

4.1 Yorkshire Forward is understood to have paid £2.5m to bring the IIFA Awards to Yorkshire. In addition there will have been other costs incurred, mainly concerning marketing and promotion, co-ordination and project management. The cost to the Council of the IIFA weekend related to the hosting of the media centre and press conference at the Town Hall, the screening of the awards at Roundhay Park, promotion and marketing material and some additional cleansing, and amounted in total to £88,1000.

This included:

- IIFA weekend fringe events brochure
- Use of Town Hall
- Security
- Health and Safety
- Technical Equipment
- Screening of Awards Ceremony
- Additional cleansing

5. ORGANISATION AND COORDINATE

5.1 Within Leeds a task group was established to co-ordinate and oversee activity, with input from the Leeds Initiative and Marketing Leeds. This enabled a co-ordinated approach across departments/services and ensured a consistent and coherent approach.

5.2 However, overall organisation the IIFA event was confusing and 'last minute' and this meant uncertainty about what was happening, where and when, and that the opportunities for Leeds, the IIFA weekend could not be maximised by the Council and its partners.

6. CONCLUSIONS

6.1 The IIFA event was a success for both Leeds and the region. It raised the profile of the City, it focussed positively on a section of our community which is often underrepresented and it brought benefits to business.

6.2 Many of the benefits should be longer term – increased investment from South Asia, and an other parts of the world where 'Bollywood' films are popular, an increase in tourism, interest from journalists, and more films shot in the region. These benefits will not come automatically and officers will continue to work with regional agencies –

particularly Yorkshire Forward, Yorkshire Tourist Board, and Screen Yorkshire to help maximise the benefits for Leeds.

7. RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 Members are asked to note this report and make comments and recommendations as appropriate.

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Dear Paul

TEAM YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER

On behalf of the Yorkshire Forward Board, I would like to thank you for your support of the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) awards weekend.

From any objective analysis, the weekend has been a huge success. We estimate that the economic benefits for Yorkshire Forward's £2.5m investment will be:

- a £10m boost for the tourism economy, with likely repeat visits adding up to £5m a year. Indian tourists have just overtaken their Japanese counterparts to be second only to US tourists in their UK spending;
- the entirely positive national and international coverage of the region would have cost £30m to buy;
- a long term trade agreement with India's main business organisation, leading to trade missions and university links with the second fastest growing economy in the World and the second largest investor in the UK. Yorkshire Forward will lead the first trade mission later this year; and
- 39 cultural events in 9 towns and cities involving tens of thousands of people and passing with maximum enjoyment and minimal arrests or trouble.

The whole weekend was only made possible by the team effort. IIFA bought into the region's bid only because of that: Yorkshire Forward's resources, Yorkshire Tourist Board's enthusiasm, the support of the venues and particularly the cities of Leeds, Sheffield, Bradford, Hull and York, the patience of the police, the flair of Yorkshire Culture, the industry involvement of Screen Yorkshire, blanket positive coverage by the media, and the priceless efforts of many individuals.

No national agency would have brought IIFA to Yorkshire and Humber and no local agency could have delivered it. It is now an emblem of what is possible for us if we focus on those things that can transform our economy and galvanise our collective efforts to achieve it.

Thank you once again for your vital support.

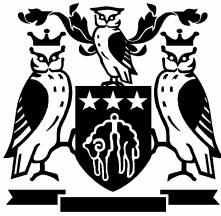
Yours sincerely

Tom Riordan
Chief Executive

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Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure)

Date: 10th September 2007

Subject: Middleton Park Equestrian Centre Inquiry – Terms of Reference

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At its meeting on 16th July 2007, the Board received draft terms of reference relating to a proposed inquiry into Middleton Park Equestrian Centre.
- 1.2 Following a discussion on the scheduling of this inquiry, it was agreed to postpone agreement of terms of reference pending further inquiries to be carried out by the Chair.

2.0 Report Submitted to the Board

- 2.1 In order to ensure that the terms of reference are considered in full and that any amendments are agreed, the Board is receiving the terms of reference on this agenda. The scheduling of this inquiry has been amended accordingly. The terms of reference are attached to this report.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 Members are requested to consider the terms of reference for this inquiry and agree any amendments.

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Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure)

Inquiry into the Governance Arrangements of Middleton Park Equestrian Centre: Terms of Reference

1.0 Introduction

1.1 At its June meeting Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure) agreed to undertake an inquiry into the Middleton Park Equestrian Centre.

1.2 The aim of the inquiry will be to examine the past and current position of the Middleton Park Equestrian Centre, its governance arrangements and its financial standing. The inquiry will also examine the relationship between the Equestrian Centre and the Council and assess any lessons to be learnt for the Council in dealing with external organisations.

2.0 Scope of the Inquiry

2.1 The purpose of the Inquiry is to make an assessment of and, where appropriate, make recommendations on the following areas:

- The history of the Middleton Park Equestrian Centre and its current role
- Details of the lease agreement between the Council and the Middleton Park Equestrian Centre Trust
- Background to the Management Agreement with the Riding for the Disabled Association
- The management arrangements between the Council, Trustees and staff at the Centre and future proposals
- The accounting arrangements for the Trust
- The financial position of the Trust and the level of support given by the Council
- The actions being taken to resolve any identified issues and lessons to be learnt for future engagement with external organisations

2.2 Members of the Board will also undertake a visit to the centre as part of the inquiry.

3.0 COMMENTS OF THE RELEVANT DIRECTOR AND EXECUTIVE MEMBER

3.1 In line with Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 12.4 the views of the relevant Director and Executive Member have been sought and have been incorporated where appropriate into these Terms of Reference.

4.0 TIMETABLE FOR THE INQUIRY

4.1 The inquiry will take place over two sessions with a view to issuing a final report in November 2007.

4.2 The length of the inquiry is subject to change

5.0 SUBMISSION OF EVIDENCE

5.1 October

- Details of the lease agreement between the Council and the Middleton Park Equestrian Centre Trust
- Background to the Management Agreement with the Regional Development Agency.
- The management arrangements between the Council, Trustees and staff at the Centre
- The accounting arrangements for the Trust
- The financial position of the Trust and the level of support given by the Council
- The actions being taken to resolve any identified issues
- A visit to the Equestrian Centre

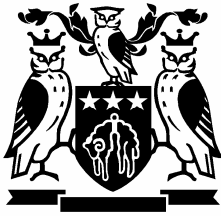
5.2 November

- Discuss and agree the Board's recommendations

6.0 Witnesses

6.1 The suggested witnesses will be:

- Representatives of the Trustees of the Middleton Park Equestrian Centre
- Chief Officer Financial Management
- Chief Recreation Officer
- Legal representative
- Executive Board Member - Leisure



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Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure)

Date: 10th September 2007

Subject: Inquiry into Leisure Centres – Response to Recommendations

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 During the previous municipal year Scrutiny Board (Leisure) undertook an inquiry into Leisure Centres and made a number of recommendations. A final report was published in April.
- 1.2 As part of the inquiry process, the department has been given the opportunity to formally respond to the recommendations. This response is attached to this report.
- 1.3 These recommendations will be included in future monitoring arrangements.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 Members are requested to note the responses provided to the recommendations following the inquiry into Leisure Centres.

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Scrutiny Board (Leisure) 2006/07

Leisure Centre Inquiry Recommendations– Responses from the Department

| Recommendation | Response from the Department |
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| <p>Recommendation 1</p> <p>That during the next municipal year, the department and the Executive Board Member use the relevant Scrutiny Board to discuss where possible issues and major decisions regarding any future bidding rounds for PFI Credits for Leisure projects to establish a process of consultation with the Scrutiny Board Members.</p> | <p>Agreed</p> |
| <p>Recommendation 2</p> <p>That the department continues to implement the consultation and communication strategy which commenced in November 2006 and is proving successful with Stakeholder Boards established in Morley and Armley. It is recommended that this approach is adopted for any future leisure PFI projects under subsequent bidding rounds.</p> | <p>Agreed – this is the intention of the Department.</p> |
| <p>Recommendation 3</p> <p>That as any new PFI leisure project develops, the department brings to the appropriate Scrutiny Board details of potential sites and the associated studies.</p> | <p>Agreed</p> |
| <p>Recommendation 4</p> <p>Executive Board in 2005 approved a robust governance structure for PFI projects which is adhered to. Each project team reports to a Project Board. In the case of the New Leaf Leisure Centres Project the relevant Project Board is the Education / BSF PFI Project Board chaired by the Deputy Chief Executive. It is</p> | <p>Agreed – this is the intention of the Department.</p> |

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| <p>recommended that this approach continues to be followed.</p> | |
| <p>Recommendation 5</p> <p>That the relevant Executive Board Member be briefed regularly throughout the project and be made aware of any circumstances that may lead to budget and timing issues.</p> | <p>Agreed – regular briefings already take place and will continue throughout the lifespan of the project.</p> |
| <p>Recommendation 6</p> <p>That the Sports Trust has within its governance arrangements the obligation to consult with local communities when a change to the service is proposed.</p> | <p>Noted. The Council will propose customer forums are continued or created and that the Trust develops its own customer participation framework. Likewise the Council will suggest proposals for significant change will be consulted with the relevant local community. However, minor changes to programme (e.g. a new activity class) are unlikely to be consulted upon. The Trust has indicated it will agree these proposals.</p> |
| <p>Recommendation 7</p> <p>That irrespective of any other consideration the Trust shall have no power to dispose of assets, to close Centres or significantly reduce services without the approval of the authority.</p> | <p>The Council is proposing the Trust will not be able to transfer the leases of sports facilities. The Trust has indicated it will agree this proposal.</p> <p>The Council and the Trust will need to agree a process for closure of a centre where it can be demonstrated on certain specified criteria that a centre is no longer viable. The full agreement between the Council and the Trust will contain details of this process.</p> <p>In relation to the level of services provided, this will have to be sufficient to meet the key outcomes and performance levels specified in the performance management arrangements which are to be agreed with the Trust.</p> <p>Details of the specification for all of these matters will be included in the report to Executive Board in October 2007.</p> |
| <p>Recommendation 8</p> | <p>The Council has powers under Section 2</p> |

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| <p>That Scrutiny Board sees and discusses the powers contained in the lease agreement establishing the Trust before the lease agreement is signed</p> | <p>of the Local Government Act 2000 (well-being powers) to enter into arrangements or agreements with the Trust and powers under Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 to grant leases of the facilities and premises to the Trust.</p> <p>Details of the lease agreement will be included in a report to Executive Board in October and Scrutiny Board may wish to consider that report at their next meeting after this.</p> |
| <p>Recommendation 9</p> <p>That the Executive Board recommends to Council the inclusion of some resources for refurbishment of leisure centres in the budget for 2008/09.</p> | <p>Agree. Current work being undertaken to develop a leisure centre capital investment plan, jointly owned by the Trust and the Council, will ensure that this issue is raised.</p> |
| <p>Recommendation 10</p> <p>That the department report back to the appropriate Scrutiny Board the resources to be released by the establishment of a Sports Trust and how this is to be allocated.</p> | <p>The October 07 Executive Board report will reinforce how monies will be allocated, however, the Trust will have ultimate responsibility for deciding this allocation. The majority of such expenditure will relate to capital investment, as identified within the capital plan.</p> |

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Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure)

Date: 10th September 2007

Subject: Wharfemeadows Fence Inquiry

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the July meeting of the Board, Members agreed to undertake an inquiry into the decision to erect a fence at Wharfemeadows Park in Otley and the more general Water Safety Policy of the Council.
- 1.2 A working group was established to draw up terms of reference for the inquiry and to begin to collate evidence.

2.0 Terms of Reference

- 2.1 Attached to this report are the draft terms of reference for the Board to consider and agree, with any appropriate amendments.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 Members are requested to consider and agree the terms of reference attached, making any amendments and comments as appropriate.

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Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure)

Inquiry into Wharfemeadows Park Fence and the Council's Water Safety Policy

Terms of Reference

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Following a drowning incident in Roundhay Park an interdepartmental group was formed to deal with;

- Preparation for the Coroner's inquest
- Implementation of any recommendation from the Inquest
- Commissioning of a RoSPA report on Water Health and Safety in Leeds
- Development of a programme of risk assessments for Council water areas
- Development of a Water Health and Safety Policy for the City Council
- Development of educational information on water safety, particularly for adolescents and teenagers.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) was commissioned by the Council to carry out an assessment at two sites, Wharfemeadows Park in Otley which is an example of a river/flowing water within a park and Roundhay Park which is an example of a lake/static water, where water safety is a major factor. RoSPA has also provided the Council with specific recommendations for five other sites. These were considered by the Executive Board on the 9th February 2007.

1.2 Despite revised proposals detailed in the report to Executive Board on the 18th May 2007 public opinion in Otley on the water safety recommendations within the Park has not been positive.

1.3 At its meeting on 16th July 2007 Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure) received a request for scrutiny from the Wharfemeadows Action Group supported by Otley Town Council and by Greg Mulholland MP. Following a brief presentation and discussion, the Board agreed to undertake an inquiry and to establish a working group in order to scope the terms of reference and begin collecting evidence to be reported to the September Scrutiny Board meeting.

1.4 Members also agreed to recommend to the Executive Board that work relevant to this inquiry be suspended until the Board has completed its deliberations. This recommendation was submitted to the Executive Board meeting of 22nd August 2007.

2.0 Scope of the Inquiry

2.1 The purpose of the Inquiry is to make an assessment of and, where appropriate, make recommendations on the following areas:

To scrutinise the recent decisions of the Executive Board regarding Wharfemeadows, the grounds for those decisions, the advice submitted to the Directors and to make recommendations thereon:

- The consultation process undertaken with regard to water safety at Wharfemeadows Park.
- Details of the decision making process, the options considered, the advice received and position of the Council following RoSPA's recommendations:
 - Legal advice given to the Council
 - Executive Board reports
 - RoSPA's recommendations and relevant reports
 - Any risk assessments undertaken previously with regard to sites with water assets
 - Relevant statistics on accidents relating to the River Wharfe and Wharfemeadows Park specifically.
 - Coroner's report relating to Roundhay Park fatal incident
- The Water Safety Strategy.

3.0 COMMENTS OF THE RELEVANT DIRECTOR AND EXECUTIVE MEMBER

3.1 In line with Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 12.4 the views of the relevant Director and Executive Member have been sought and have been incorporated where appropriate into these Terms of Reference.

4.0 TIMETABLE FOR THE INQUIRY

4.1 The inquiry will take place over three sessions with a view to issuing a final report in October/November 2007.

4.2 The length of the inquiry is subject to change

5.0 SUBMISSION OF EVIDENCE

Time table to be agreed

6.0 WITNESSES

- Executive Board Member for Leisure
- Chief Recreation Officer
- HR Manager, Safety Well-being and Attendance
- Head of Community Services and Litigation
- Representative from Otley Town Council
- Representative from Wharfemeadows Action Group

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Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Culture and Leisure)

Date: 10th September 2007

Subject: Work Programme

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The attached appendix provides Members with a copy of the Board's current Work Programme (Appendix 1).

1.2 At appendix 2 is the Forward Plan for August to November 2007.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 The Board is requested to:

- (i) Determine any additional items for the Work Programme.
- (ii) Receive and make any changes to the attached Work Programme following decisions made at today's meeting.

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SCRUTINY BOARD (CULTURE AND LEISURE) WORK PROGRAMME (SEPT) 2007

| Item | Description | Notes | Type of item |
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| Meeting date – October 2007 | | | |
| Session 1 of Middleton Park Equestrian Centre inquiry | To undertake the information gathering session for this inquiry | | |
| City Varieties update | To receive an update on the City Varieties Theatre development | | |
| Town Hall briefing | To receive a briefing on the development proposals for the Town Hall | | |
| Grand Theatre update | To receive an update on the Grand Theatre development | | |
| Major projects update | To receive an update on major projects being overseen by the department. | | |
| Wharfemeadows Fence inquiry | To finalise and agree recommendations | | |
| Meeting date – November 2007 | | | |
| Performance Management Information | To receive performance information relating to culture and leisure. | | PM |
| Inquiry into Middleton Park Equestrian Centre inquiry | To discuss and agree the Board's final report | | |
| Presentation on Parks Budget | | | |
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SCRUTINY BOARD (CULTURE AND LEISURE) WORK PROGRAMME (SEPT) 2007

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| Meeting date – December 2007 | |
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| Meeting date – January 2008 | |
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| Meeting date – February 2008 | |
| Performance Management Information | To receive performance information relating to culture and leisure. PM |
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| Meeting date – March 2008 | |
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| Meeting date – April 2008 | |
| Board's Annual Report | To agree the Board's contribution to the Scrutiny Annual Report |
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| Working Groups | | | | |
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