

# Supplementary Committee Agenda



## ***Safer, Cleaner, Greener Scrutiny Standing panel Tuesday, 23rd June, 2009***

**Place:** Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

**Time:** 7.30 pm

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### **11. CONSIDERATION OF LEISURE TASK AND FINISH ISSUES (Pages 3 - 8)**

At the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2009 meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel, the remaining workload of the Leisure Task and Finish Panel was put into this Panel's work programme and the Task and Finish Panel itself wound up. The Panel is asked to consider the implications for their work programme.

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## **Report to Safer Cleaner Greener Standing Scrutiny Panel**

**Date of meeting: 23 June 2009**

**Subject: Former Leisure Task & Finish Panel**

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**Committee Secretary: A Hendry**



### **Recommendation:**

- (1) To include within this Panel's Terms of Reference those from the former Leisure Task & Finish Panel relating to:**
  - (a) the Waltham Abbey Sports Centre and**
  - (b) the monitoring of the Youth Initiatives Scheme and Play Strategy**
- (2) To not include within this Panel's Terms of Reference the evaluation of the provision of sporting facilities as part of the development of the Epping Forest College**

1. Members will be aware that Overview & Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, wound up the Leisure Task and Finish Panel and transferred its outstanding work to this Panel. The Terms of Reference for the Leisure Task & Finish Panel are attached and this report discusses the progress being made and makes recommendations for merging the Terms of Reference with the existing ones for this Panel.

2. Given the recent decision by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to refer the proposal to provide a new sports hall at the Waltham Abbey Sports Swimming Pool to the Cabinet meeting in July, the work of the Task & Finish Panel is essentially complete at this time. However, if later in the year (probably September) approval is given for the scheme to proceed, it is likely that this Panel will be asked to oversee the project and report to Overview & Scrutiny and Cabinet accordingly. It is therefore suggested that the former Terms of Reference be included within those of this Panel. **(Recommendation (1)(a))**

3. Within the former Panel's terms of reference there are two further issues:
  - (i) the monitoring of the Youth Initiatives Scheme and Play Strategy; and
  - (ii) the evaluation of, with the Epping Forest College, options for the provision of community sporting facilities as part of the on-going development of the college.

With respect to item (i) this work is continuing and it will be necessary for the Panel to receive reports at future meetings. **(Recommendation (1)(b))**

With respect to item (ii), it is unlikely at this time that the College will be actively pursuing the provision of leisure/sports facilities as part of current developments. On that basis there are no immediate plans to prepare any reports for the Panel and Members may therefore wish to delete that element of the Terms of Reference on the basis that in the event circumstances change, consent can be sought from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to reinstate it. **(Recommendation (2))**

4. There are no resource implications since the work of the former Leisure & Task Finish Panel had already been considered within current budget allocations.

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## LEISURE TASK AND FINISH PANEL – TERMS OF REFERENCE

**Title:** Leisure

**Status:** Task and Finish

### **Terms of Reference:**

To consider the following issues as identified by Overview & Scrutiny Committee:

- (1) Waltham Abbey Sports Centre/Swimming Pool:
  - To assess the feasibility of providing a new sports hall at the Waltham Abbey Swimming Pool;
  - To conclude the assessment commenced in 2007/08 of evaluating the current and potential future management arrangements at Waltham Abbey Sports Centre.
- (2) The on-going monitoring of the Youth Initiatives Scheme.
- (3) To evaluate, with the Epping Forest College, options for the provision of sports facilities as part of the development proposals for the College.

### **Aims and Objectives**

#### **Waltham Abbey**

- (1) To determine the feasibility of constructing a new sports hall as part of the present swimming pool complex thereby providing more modern and acceptable facilities for the local community and if feasible:
  - (a) to discuss the management of options and management fee with SLM; and
  - (b) to cease the existing dual use agreement at Waltham Abbey Sports Centre.
- (2) To scrutinise the background to any negotiations with the King Harold School in respect of the future management of the existing dual use facility so that a recommendation can be made to Cabinet in respect of either:
  - (a) the cessation of the existing dual use arrangements due to the moving of the facility to Waltham Abbey swimming pool; or
  - (b) additional investment into the existing sports centre with an on-going dual use agreement with the school for community use and a programme for the outsourcing of the facility management to a third party.

#### **Youth Initiatives**

- (1) To complete the monitoring of the 2007/08 youth initiatives and to report the outcome to Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Cabinet by the autumn of 2008.
- (2) To monitor the progress of the 10 year (2007 to 2017) Play Strategy and the application of £244,000 capital funding over the next two years.

**Epping Forest College**

- (1) To work with the management of the Epping Forest College to explore, develop and bring forward proposals for the provision of community sports provision as part of the College expansion plans.
- (2) As part of the evaluation and consideration of any proposals to consult with the Youth Council and relevant Town and Parish Councils.

## LEISURE TASK AND FINISH PANEL: WORK PROGRAMME

TIMESCALE	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL
<p>Outline of requirements and recommendations re funding of Design Proposals. Report on temporary agreement progress with school.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Meeting – July 2008</p>	<p>Completed</p>
<p>Feasibility, costs and planning issues of schemes at WASP reported back.</p>	<p>T&amp;F October/November 2008</p>	
<p>Report back on discussions with SLM re Management fee etc.</p>		
<p>If new build recommended, report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>	<p>O&amp;S</p>	<p>To O&amp;S in November 2008.</p>
<p>If site remaining at WASC then propose future objectives of facility.</p>		
<p>If WASP project agreed by O&amp;S then report to Cabinet re new build request for funding of scheme 2009/10 and future budgetary changes re closure of WASC.</p>	<p>December 2008</p>	<p>To Cabinet in November 2008.</p>
<p>If site remaining at WASC then report recommended programme and timetable for outsourcing and Tender process.</p>		
<p>If WASP project agreed then get Cabinet confirmation of Capital Budget and SLM Management fee.</p>	<p>January/February 2008</p>	
<p><b>Chairman:</b> Councillor Mrs R Gadsby</p>		

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