

**EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL  
NOTES OF A MEETING OF LEISURE TASK AND FINISH SCRUTINY PANEL  
HELD ON TUESDAY, 25 MARCH 2008  
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 1, CIVIC OFFICES, HIGH STREET, EPPING  
AT 7.30 - 8.30 PM**

**Members Present:** Mrs H Harding (Chairman), K Chana (Vice-Chairman), Ms J Hedges, S Murray, G Pritchard, B Rolfe and H Ulkun

**Other members present:**

**Apologies for Absence:** Mrs R Gadsby, Mrs A Haigh, Mrs P K Rush and P Turpin

**Officers Present** D Macnab (Deputy Chief Executive), L MacNeill (Assistant Head of Leisure Services) and A Hendry (Democratic Services Officer)

**37. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (COUNCIL MINUTE 39 - 23.7.02)**

Noted that there were no substitute members for this meeting.

**38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Panel noted that there were no declarations of interest made pursuant to the Council's Code of Conduct.

**39. MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes from 25 February 2008 were noted and agreed as a correct record.

**40. TERMS OF REFERENCE / WORK PROGRAMME**

The Panel noted the Terms of Reference and associated Work Programme, which they considered still to be relevant and would not require any amendment.

**41. DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT**

The Panel considered the draft annual report. They agreed the body of the report and considered in detail the recommendations for each topic covered.

**1. Future Management of the Waltham Abbey Sports Centre**

The Panel noted and agreed recommendation 1 that the Council should enter into a holding agreement with King Harold School until 31 March 2009.

They also noted that dependent on the outcome of the feasibility of the provision of a new Sports Hall at Waltham Abbey Swimming Pool the Council had a choice of either declining to enter into a new long term dual use agreement or a new dual use agreement be entered into (recommendation 2a or 2b).

**2. Review of Arts Development in the District**

The Panel agreed the six key objectives arising from the review of Arts Development and agreed option 5 that “with the transfer of Community and Cultural Services (to include Arts) transferring under Top Management Review, to a more corporate position under the Deputy Chief Executive, investigate how the Arts Service could be refocused across the wider work of the Authority in pursuit of Community/Council/BVPP Key Objectives”.

The Panel agreed that a review of the Arts needed to be done on an annual basis, produced by the Arts Service on how they are meeting their corporate aims. This report was to go to the new Leisure Panel next year.

The reports recommendations were agreed by the meeting.

### **3. Monitoring of the Youth Initiative Scheme.**

The panel agreed that an evaluation of the 2005/06 and 2006/07 schemes be completed by the autumn of 2008. They noted that a draft questionnaire had been dispatched to the Town and Parish Councils and the Police.

The analysis of the initial consultation questionnaires are to be circulated to the Panel when available (recommendation 2).

The Panel agreed that a recommendation be added to look at all possible avenues of funding and not just to constrain ourselves to the £244,000 already identified.

### **4. Legacy from the Olympic / Paralympic Games.**

The Panel agreed the recommendations in the annual report. They observed that the legacy of the Olympic was not just about sport but the development of young people.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the draft Leisure Task and Finish be agreed subject to an extra recommendation being added to the Monitoring of Youth Initiative Scheme to look at all avenues of funding and not be constrained to the money already identified.
2. That an annual report be produced by the Arts Service to identify how they are meeting their corporate aims. This report to go the new Leisure Panel.
3. The analysis of the initial consultation questionnaires under the monitoring of the Youth Initiative Scheme, are to be circulated to the Panel when available.

## **42. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Councillor Pritchard made a general point that there was a chance here to showcase the good things that young people do and create a positive for them. The Chairman commented that maybe this was something the Youth Council could help with and get involved in.

2. Councillor Murray suggested that perhaps next year we could co-opt a representative from the Youth Council to sit on this Panel. Overview and Scrutiny Committee should consider this when setting up the new Panel.

**RESOLVED:**

That a representative from the Youth Council be co-opted on to the new Leisure Panel.