

**Minutes of the Meeting of the COMMUNITY AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE held
on 14 June 2016**

PRESENT -

Councillor Barry Nash (Chairman); Councillor Tony Axelrod (Vice-Chairman);
Councillors Rekha Bansil, Kate Chinn, Hannah Dalton (as nominated substitute for
Councillor Jean Steer), Jane Race, Guy Robbins, Alan Sursham, Peter Webb and
Clive Woodbridge

In Attendance:

Absent: Councillor Jean Steer

Officers present: Sam Beak (Leisure Development Manager), Russell Blackmur
(Business Development Manager), Rod Brown (Head of Housing & Environmental
Services), Ian Dyer (Head of Operational Services), Mohammed Hussain (Sale &
Venues Operations Manager), Andrew Lunt (Head of Venues & Facilities), Alison
Phillips (Accountant), Tim Richardson (Democratic Services Officer), Linda Scott
(Community Services Manager) and Lesley Shields (Senior Accountant)

1 QUESTION TIME

No questions were asked or had been submitted.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by Councillors in items on this agenda.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure Committee held on 31 March 2016
and Minutes of the meeting of the Social Committee held on 11 April 2016 were
agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4 VENUES INCOME & SUBSIDY UPDATE – JUNE 2016

The Committee received a report detailing the performance to date and the
potential year end outturn of the Council's Venues.

The following matters were considered:

- a) 2015/16 performance. The Committee noted that income for the Councils
Venues during the 2015/16 financial year had been approximately

£100,000 under the budget target. The Committee was informed that a number of issues had contributed to the target not being met, including the disruption to bookings created by reinstatement works to Bourne Hall Main Hall (due to flooding) and Ewell Court House (due to a fire). Additionally, the Venues service had also been restructured within the year.

- b) Ebbisham Centre website. The Committee noted that content on the existing website for the Ebbisham Centre was out of date and needed to be refreshed. The Head of Venues and Facilities informed the Committee that the website was maintained by the Centre's previous owners. Officers had asked for it to be corrected, and the matter had now been raised with the new owners of the Ebbisham Centre.
- c) Total income chart - 2016-17 budget target. It was noted that the chart provided at paragraph 3.1 of the report did not display the 2016-17 budget target. Officers would circulate an amended copy of the chart including this information following the meeting.
- d) Ewell Court House update. The Committee noted the update provided within the report with regard to Ewell Court House, and was informed that it was anticipated that an additional £15,000 per annum income could be generated from the letting of three rooms on the first floor. The Committee was also informed that a micro-website specifically for Ewell Court House would be created, and would be launched later in the year.

Following consideration, the Committee:

- (1) Noted the update in regards to the Venues income & subsidy.
- (2) Agreed that the Head of Venues & Facilities, following consultation with the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee, be authorised to let the first floor rooms at Ewell Court House on such terms as he thinks fit.

5 AURIOL PARK CAFE

The Committee received and considered a report presenting a proposal for a café in Auriol Park Pavilion. The Committee identified that income generation from the Council's assets was of importance in meeting budgetary targets.

The Committee discussed potential charging structures for use of the pavilion, and noted that (should the application be approved) the application of a market rate was likely to be more efficient than a profit-sharing arrangement.

The Committee supported, in principle, the further exploration of the proposal for the use of the Pavilion as a café, and noted that detailed negotiations would be required prior to a final agreement being granted.

Following consideration, the Committee:

- (1) Agreed in principle that it wished officers to explore proposals for the sale of refreshments from that part of the pavilion in Auriol Park shown cross-hatched black on the plan attached as Annexe 1 to the report.
- (2) Agreed to authorise the Chief Executive, following consultation with ward councillors and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee to conclude negotiations with the proposed operator, having satisfied herself that the arrangements will offer a market rent for the occupation of the facilities.
- (3) Noted that the consent of Fields in Trust and any other relevant organisation would be sought as necessary.
- (4) Noted that on conclusion of the negotiations referred to above, the intention to grant the lease would be advertised in a local newspaper as necessary.
- (5) Did not specify any parameters which it wished officers to apply whilst undertaking negotiations over the proposal.

6 OUTSTANDING REFERENCES

The Committee noted the outstanding references detailed in the annexe to the report. Following a question from a Member of the Committee, it was noted that regular updates on housing and homelessness within the Borough were provided to all Councillors outside of the Committee process via the weekly "Members' Update".

7 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee resolved to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended) and that pursuant to paragraph 10 of Part 2 of the said Schedule 12A the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

Note: Members of the Committee were reminded of the need for confidentiality in respect of those items not considered in public

8 NOT FOR PUBLICATION MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The not for publication Minutes of the meeting of the Social Committee held on 11 April 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

9 CESSATION OF TELECARE FUNDING FROM SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

The Committee received a report proposing the introduction of a new stand-alone business model and charging structure for Community Alarm and Telecare

services, should Surrey County Council choose to withdraw its current annual payment for the supply and installation of Telecare equipment.

Surrey County Council had notified Epsom and Ewell Borough Council that it would undertake a review of its Telecare service, and would only currently issue a service level agreement for its provision for a period of 6 months. This review could potentially lead the County Council to withdraw its funding for the service in the future. The report proposed that Epsom and Ewell Borough Council introduce a new charging structure for Community Alarm and Telecare services, to enable their continued provision should Surrey County Council decide to withdraw its funding.

The Committee considered the report and noted the current market competition. Officers advised the Committee that the proposed service detailed within the report was competitively priced against the other market suppliers, and had additional benefits which they did not provide.

Following consideration, the Committee:

- (1) Agreed to the implementation of a new charging structure for Community Alarm/Telecare services which will apply to all new clients, if the offer of free Telecare equipment from Surrey County Council is withdrawn, as set out within the body of the report.
- (2) Agreed that any existing Community Alarm/Telecare clients be switched to the new charging structure once their existing Telecare equipment ceases to operate or needs to be upgraded, if the offer of free Telecare equipment from Surrey County Council is withdrawn.

The meeting began at 7.30 pm and ended at 8.19 pm

COUNCILLOR BARRY NASH (CHAIRMAN)