

VENUES REVIEW

Report of the: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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Urgent Decision?(yes/no) No

If yes, reason urgent decision required:

Annexes/Appendices (attached): Annexe 1 - Venues Review Terms of Reference

Annexe 2 - Report of the Scrutiny Review Task Group on the Review of Venues - Bourne Hall and Hook Road Arena.

Other available papers (not attached):

REPORT SUMMARY

This report presents the Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee with the Report of the Scrutiny Review Task Group on Bourne Hall and Hook Road Arena.

RECOMMENDATION (S)

That the Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee:

- (1) Approves the Report of the Scrutiny Review Task Group on Bourne Hall and Hook Road Arena attached at Annexe 2.**
- (2) Agrees that the Report be presented to the Community & Wellbeing Committee on 8 November 2016.**

Notes

1 Implications for the Council's Key Priorities, Service Plans and Sustainable Community Strategy

1.1 The Report of the Scrutiny Review Task Group contributes to two of the Council's Key Priorities:

1.1.1 Supporting our community; and

1.1.2 Managing our resources.

2 Background

- 2.1 At its November 2015 meeting, the Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee agreed to include a review of Venues in its work programme. A copy of the terms of reference of the review is attached at Annexe 1.
- 2.2 In February 2016 Councillors Clive Smitheram, David Reeve and Steve Bridger were appointed to the task group to undertake the investigation. Councillor Michael Teasdale, member of the Strategy & Resources Committee, was co-opted to the task group.
- 2.3 At the beginning of the review the task group agreed that it wished to concentrate first on Bourne Hall and Hook Road Arena. It agreed to return to review the Playhouse and Ewell Court House at a later stage(s).
- 2.4 Over the course of the review to date, the task group has undertaken a number of different meetings with various parties. An overview of its investigation into Bourne Hall and Hook Road Arena, together with its findings and recommendations are set out in the report of the Scrutiny Review Task Group attached at Annexe 2.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee approves the Report of the Scrutiny Review Task Group on Bourne Hall and Hook Road Arena.
- 3.2 It is also proposed that the Report of the Scrutiny Review Task Group be presented to the Community & Wellbeing Committee on 8 November 2016 in order for it to be considered in line with the timetable for development of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

4 Financial and Manpower Implications

- 4.1 The conclusions and recommendations of the Scrutiny Task Group set out in its report have direct financial implications for the Council.
- 4.2 The task group has recommended that further investigation is undertaken by the Community & Wellbeing Committee into different aspects of Bourne Hall, including: internal configuration and appearance; catering provision; and external elements. This work will require a full analysis of the financial implications for the Council.
- 4.3 **Chief Finance Officer's comments:** *As highlighted above, financial implications will need to be considered in full.*

5 Legal Implications (including implications for matters relating to equality)

5.1 A number of different legal implications are associated with the matters highlighted by the task group in its report. The task group has touched very briefly on the surface of these legal considerations. However, the Council will need to give full detailed consideration to these matters before any final decisions can be made.

5.2 ***Monitoring Officer's comments:** As highlighted above, there are a number of issues which will require to be addressed should firm proposals be taken forward. In principle, none should be difficult to address. For example, any proposal to re-configure the Bourne Hall building must be mindful of its status as a listed building, and must be done only after listed building consent has been obtained.*

6 Sustainability Policy and Community Safety Implications

6.1 None for the purposes of this report.

7 Partnerships

7.1 Implementation of the task group's recommendations and any other work arising from the report will necessitate close work with different partners.

8 Risk Assessment

8.1 The Scrutiny Review Task Group has not undertaken a formal risk assessment process. However, implementation of the task group's recommendations will, if accepted, highlight different risks which will need to be considered by the Council in any decision making process. There will therefore be a need for a detailed risk assessment at this stage.

9 Conclusion and Recommendations

9.1 The Report of the Scrutiny Review Task Group attached at Annexe 2 sets out the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the task group appointed by the Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee in February 2016. The report provides an overview of the work undertaken by the scrutiny review task group to date. It should be emphasised that further work and analysis is required before any solid conclusions can be identified from the work of the task group.

9.2 It is recommended that the Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee approves the Report of the Scrutiny Review Task Group on Bourne Hall and Hook Road Arena.

9.3 It is also recommended that the Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee agree that the Report of the task group be presented to the Community & Wellbeing Committee on 8 November 2016.

WARD(S) AFFECTED: (All Wards);