

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park

The Chief Executive is pleased to advise Members that concerns raised by the Civil Aviation Authority with regard to the inclusion of a lake at Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park on bird management issues have been overcome with the approval of a bird management strategy. All parties are satisfied with the solution which is in the form of a management agreement. However, one aspect still to be agreed is the need for independent arbitration if there is a disagreement between the Council and the Airport at any time in the future on solutions to problems of increasing numbers of birds. The candidate most likely to be acceptable to both sides is the Civil Aviation Authority.

Authority to determine the planning consent subject to conditions was delegated to the Head of Planning Services in October 2002. This strategy must now be included as an additional condition. Work on the lake has been awaiting resolution of this issue and, with the weather improving, contractors are anxious to commence construction without delay. The Chief Executive, with the agreement of the Chairman, therefore requests the Council, as a matter of urgency, to add the requirement for a bird management strategy to the schedule of conditions attached to the delegation from Planning Services Committee in order that the matter may be determined.

It is therefore proposed that the Council **RESOLVES**

To add a condition requiring a bird management strategy to the Heads of Condition referred to in the delegated planning approval for Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park contained in Minute 518/02 (HPS)

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