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## **ISSUES ARISING FROM COMMUNITY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **1 HOLMES PLACE PROGRESS REPORT**

1.1 This item of business was referred to the Community Services Committee by the Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 9 September 2004 with the recommendation that a more appropriate and marketable name for the new leisure centre planned to be built on the site of the former Park School would be 'The Rayleigh Leisure Centre'.

1.2 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That the Centre being developed on the site of the former Park School, Rayleigh be named 'The Rayleigh Leisure Centre'. (CD(F&ES))

### **2 CATERING FRANCHISES ON OPEN SPACES**

2.1 This item of business was referred to the Community Services Committee by the Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 9 September 2004 with the recommendation that officers seek expressions of interest as to the viability of taking up franchise opportunities at one or more of various locations around the District and that any such franchises should be trialled for a 12 month period.

2.2 It was perceived that an integral part of any franchise should be that the area around the unit should be kept clear of litter. A trial operation was therefore favoured, as this would indicate whether the issue of litter beyond the immediate vicinity of any operation was likely to cause problems.

2.3 A copy of the officer's report is appended at Appendix A.

2.4 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

(1) That officers seek expressions of interest as to the viability of taking up the franchise opportunities at one or more of the following locations:-

- Great Wakering
- Ashingdon
- Fairview
- Rawreth
- St John Fisher
- Grove
- Hullbridge

- (2) That, initially, any franchises so taken up be trialled for a 12 month period. (CD(F&ES))

**3 PUBLIC OPEN SPACE LAND AND PLAY SPACE AREAS IN ROCHFORD DISTRICT OWNED BY THE COUNCIL**

3.1 This item of business was referred to the Community Services Committee by the Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 9 September 2004 with the recommendation that the principle of transferring public open space land to one or more appropriate trust bodies be agreed, focusing initially at one or more of a list of identified sites, that discussions take place with Parish Councils to establish whether they would wish to include any spaces leased to them in any trust arrangement, and that an update report be provided early in 2005.

3.2 Members noted that work on this subject had been built into this year's work programme and that, whilst there would be an opportunity cost involved, time should be invested in the issue of protecting such areas.

3.3 A copy of the officer's report is appended at Appendix B.

3.4 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

- (1) That the principle of transferring public open space land to one or more appropriate trust bodies be agreed.
- (2) That, initially, the principle of developing one or more trust bodies focus on the following sites:-

The Playing Field, Althorne Way, Canewdon  
Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park  
Playing Field, High Street, Great Wakering  
Clements Hall Playing Field  
Hawkwell Common  
Hockley Woods  
Playing Fields, Pooles Lane, Hullbridge  
Playing Fields, Rawreth Lane, Rawreth  
Fairview Playing Field, Rayleigh  
Brooklands Gardens, Hockley Road, Rayleigh  
Grove Road Public Open Space and Woods, Rayleigh  
Kingley Wood Public Open Space, Rayleigh  
St John Fisher Playing Fields, Rayleigh  
New Public Open Space at the former Park School site.

- (3) That discussions take place with Parish Councils in respect of the spaces currently leased to them, to investigate whether they would be prepared to include these areas in any trust arrangement.

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- (4) That an update report be provided of progress in early 2005, to include feedback on the discussions with Parishes and to identify whether any other land holdings should be included in possible trust arrangements. (HLS)

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**Background Papers:**

None

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