

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 APRIL 2000**1 Minute 117 – Recommendation from Community Services to the Finance and General Purposes Committee on the Petition from Residents Regarding Youth Problems at Doggetts Play Space**

In considering the reference for funding from the Community Services Committee, Members had before them a copy of the original report from the Head of Leisure & Client Services to Community Services together with additional information on counter-petitions which had been received on this subject and the resource implications of relocation of the Play Space Aerial runway.

During debate, some Members wished to re-emphasise concern at the lack of public and Ward Member consultation undertaken in the formulation of proposals. Responding to questions, the Corporate Director (Finance and External Services) indicated that, should the Committee agree to funding re-siting of the runway, such funding could be drawn from the Capital Rolling Programme. It was agreed that it would be appropriate for suitable locations to be identified to assist any future Council decision about re-siting.

The Committee agreed a Motion moved by Councillor D E Barnes and seconded by Councillor Mrs M A Weir on funding approval and a Motion moved by Councillor Mrs W S Stevenson and seconded by Councillor D F Flack on referral to Full Council and it was:-

Resolved

- (1) That approval be given to funding the removal and re-siting of the area runway in Doggetts Play Space at an estimated cost of between £6000 and £8000, the monies to be drawn from the Capital Rolling Programme.
- (2) That the question of suitable locations be referred to the next Meeting of Full Council to which a Report on location possibilities should be submitted. (CD(F&ES))

Note: The Corporate Director (Finance and External Services) will be making a presentation to Full Council.

2 Minute 126 – Committee Timetable

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Administrative and Member Services on the adoption of a timetable of meetings for the 2000/2001 Municipal Year.

During debate Members agreed that, if possible, it would be appropriate to move the proposed date for Annual Council from Wednesday 17 May 2000 to avoid a clash with the Annual Meeting of Parish Councils. The Committee concurred with the Chief Executive that this could be achieved by scheduling Annual Council for Thursday 18 May with the Member training originally proposed for that date being rescheduled to Friday 19 May.

RECOMMENDED

That the timetable of meetings for 2000/2001, as set out in the appendix to these Minutes, be adopted. (HAMS)

Note: The timetable is appended

3 Minute 130 – Increased costs for Clements Hall Swimming Pool Roof

- 3.1 The Proper Officer reports that, pursuant to Standing Order 18(6), a requisition has been received in the names of Councillors N Harris, P A Beckers and Mrs J Hall requiring that Recommendation 3 of Minute 130 be referred to Full Council for decision.
- 3.2 A copy of Minute 130 is set out below. To assist Members, a copy of the confidential Committee Report has been despatched under separate cover. This item will be considered following exclusion of the Press and Public on the grounds that exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.
- 3.3 Committee Minute 130

Note: The Chairman agreed to admit this item of business as urgent in view of additional work identified in the current scheme which requires additional funding. The contractor was on site and a decision was needed for the scheme to progress.

The Committee considered the confidential report of the Head of Leisure and Client Services on increased costs which had been identified associated with roofing works at Clements Hall.

Responding to Member questions, the Corporate Director (Finance and External Services) reported on the outcome of discussions with the Council's Leisure Contractor and indicated.

- That the Clements Hall building had been a design and build project, and that as such, there was a lack of detailed plan records on the building.

- The background to the drawing up of the original specification and the appointment of contractor.
- The background to the differences between estimates for the roofing element of the project and the figure now sought.

Whilst concerned at the costs associated with this matter the Committee accepted that it was appropriate to make an early decision to minimise further costs.

Resolved

- (1) That the following special items relating to the Clements Hall project be deferred until savings from the current programme are identified:-

Car Park Resurfacing
Sanding and sealing Rochford Suite floor
Replacement obsolete lights in the Rochford Suite

- (2) That the further roofing works identified in the report be authorised as a matter of urgency with the additional costs funded in the first instance from the deferral of Special items (£16,000) and Capital Programme (£10,000).

- *(3) That Officers be authorised to review the funding during the year, with the aim of charging the maximum sum possible to the Revenue Budget. (HLCS)

(* = Referred Minute)

Note: Councillors D E Barnes and Mrs H L A Glynn wished it to be recorded that they had voted against the above decision.

Andrew Smith
Head of Administrative and Member Services

Background Papers:

None.

For further information please contact John Bostock on (01702) 546366.

CYCLE OF MEETINGS 2000/01

Appendix

2000													2001				
	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May				
Mon	1								1								
Tues	2			1					2 Env. Health Sub				1				
Weds	3			2				1 Transport Sub	3 Transport Sub				2				
Thurs	4	1 Planning Services		3			2 Planning Policy Sub		4 Planning Policy Sub	1 Audit Services	1 Planning Policy Sub		3				
Fri	5	2		4	1		3	1	5	2	2		4				
Sat	6	3	1	5	2		4	2	6	3	3		5				
Sun	7	4	2	6	3	1	5	3	7	4	4	1	6				
Mon	8	5	3	7	4	2	6	4	8	5	5	2	7				
Tues	9	6 Env. Health Sub	4 Corp. Res. Sub	8	5 Env. Health Sub	3 Corp. Res. Sub	7 Leisure Sub	5 S & P Review WP	9 Leisure Sub	6 Corp. Res. Sub	8 Env. Health Sub	3 Corp. Res. Sub	8				
Weds	10	7 Transport Sub	5 Budget Mon. Co	9	6 Transport Sub	4 Budget Mon. Co	8 Community Safety Sub	6	10 Community Safety Sub	7 Budget Mon. Co	7 Transport Sub	4 Budget Mon. Co	9 Annual Council				
Thurs	11	8 Planning Policy Sub	6 Audit Services	10	7 Planning Policy Sub	5 Audit Services	8 Housing Man. Sub	7 F & GP	11 Planning Services	8 Planning Services	8 Planning Services	5 Planning Services	10				
Fri	12	9	7	11	8	6	10 Contracts Panel "	8	12	9	9	8	11				
Sat	13	10	8	12	9	7	11	9	13	10	10	7	12				
Sun	14	11	9	13	10	8	12	10	14	11	11	8	13				
Mon	15	12	10	14	11	9	13	11	15	12	12	9	14				
Tues	16	13 Leisure Sub	11	15	12 Leisure Sub	10	14 S & P Review WP	12 Budget Mon. Co	16 Budget Mon. Co	13	13 Leisure Sub	10 S & P Review WP	15				
Weds	17	14 Community Safety Sub	12	16	13 Community Safety Sub	11	15	13	17 Partnership Sub	14	14 Community Safety Sub	11	16				
Thurs	18 Annual Council	15 Housing Man. Sub	13 F & GP	17	14 Housing Man. Sub	12 F & GP	16 T & ES	14 Planning Services	18 Housing Man. Sub	15 F & GP	16 Housing Man. Sub	12 F & GP	17				
Fri	19	16 Contracts Panel "	14	18	15 Contracts Panel "	13	17	15	19 Contracts Panel "	16	16 Contracts Panel "	13	18				
Sat	20	17	15	19	16	14	18	16	20	17	17	14	19				
Sun	21	18	16	20	17	15	19	17	21	18	18	15	20				
Mon	22	19	17	21	18	16	20	18	22	19	19	16	21				
Tues	23	20 S & P Review WP	18 S & P Review WP	22	19 S & P Review WP	17 S & P Review WP	21 Community Services	19 Council	23 Council - Budget	20 Council - Council Tax	20 S & P Review WP	17	22				
Weds	24	21	19	23	20	18	22	20	24 S & P Review WP	21	21	18	23				
Thurs	25	22 T & ES	20 Partnership Sub	24	21 T & ES	19 Partnership Sub	23 Planning Services	21	25 T & ES	22	22 T & ES	19 Partnership Sub	24				
Fri	26	23	21	25	22	20	24	22	26	23	23	20	25				
Sat	27	24	22	26	23	21	25	23	27	24	24	21	26				
Sun	28	25	23	27	24	22	26	24	28	25	25	22	27				
Mon	29	26	24	28	25	23	27	25	29	26	26	23	28				
Tues	30	27 Community Services	25 Council	29	26 Community Services	24 Council	28 Corp. Res. Sub	26	30 Community Services	27 Council	27 Community Services	24 Council	29				
Weds	31	28	26	30	27	25	29 Budget Mon. Co	27	31	28	28	25	30				
Thurs		29 Planning Services	27 Planning Services	31 Planning Services	28 Planning Services	26 Planning Services	30 Audit Services	28			29 Audit Services	26 Planning Services	31				
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Mon			31			30						30					
Tues						31 Env. Health Sub											

Notes:

* Contracts Panel starts at 10.00am. All other meetings start at 7.30pm.
 Member training takes place on Monday 15, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31 May 2000