

KIDDERMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Services Committee meeting of Kidderminster Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Kidderminster Town Hall on Wednesday 9th November 2022 at 6:00pm

Present:

Cllr R. Bishop (Vice Chair)
Cllr G. Connolly
Cllr H. Dyke
Cllr K. Gale
Cllr S. Miah

In Attendance:

Mr L. Jakeman, Chief Executive
Mr A. Stockhall, Public Realms & Operations Manager
Cllr F. Oborski

S012/22-23 **APOLOGIES**

Cllr J. Smith
Cllr M. Rayner

S013/22-23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

S014/22-23 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil.

S015/22-23 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on Thursday 8th September were correct and duly signed by the Chair.

S016/22-23 **REPORT ON ST GEORGE'S PADDLING POOL**

Members received a report regarding the future provision of St George's Paddling Pool. A lengthy discussion occurred which included:

- The requirement to ensure that the facility was safe for users and did not pose an unacceptable risk to the Town Council. (Current mitigation is not considered adequate).

- A review of the condition survey commissioned by the Town Council, which led to the recommendation by the contractor for a complete upgrade/complete refurbishment.
- An analysis of the quote for refurbishment (circa £91k).
- Future running operation costs (circa £10k).
- Noting that the refurbishment costs were envisaged to be solely borne by the Town Council.
- The possibility of exploring opportunities for external funding to cover the capital costs.
- The community benefit of the facility against the significant indicative costs of a full upgrade.

RESOLVED: To recommend to Full Town Council that the St George's Paddling Pool be removed and the ground reinstated.

S017/22-23 **GRIT BIN POLICY**

Members considered a report to adopt a Grit Bin Policy and suggested a few subtle changes for clarity.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Grit Bin Policy.

S018/22-23 **OUTDOOR MARKETS**

Members noted that the Outdoor Markets Licence has been completed on an initial three-year period. The Town Council has appointed a contractor to manage the Market for the remainder of the current financial year, pending a formal tendering process.

S019/22-23 **PARK TRANSFERS FROM WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL (BAXTER GARDENS, BROADWATERS AND ST GEORGE'S PARKS)**

Members noted that the Heads of Terms had been agreed, that WFDC legal team have drafted documentation and that the CPSE (Commercial Property Standard Enquiries) 121 Solicitors (KTC Legal representation) had received documentation week commencing 31st October 2022.

S020/22-23 **BUDGET REVIEW/ESTIMATE 2023/24**

Members considered in-year budgets and estimates for FY 2023/24.

RESOLVED: To confirm that the budget estimate recommendations in the report (forwarded with the agenda for FY 2023/24) and for them to be considered by the Finance and Overview Committee as part of the annual budget process.

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