

**KIDDERMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL  
OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025  
Held in Unit 2 Forest Industrial Park at 6pm**

**Present:**

Councillors:

Councillor Dyke (Chair)

Councillor Gale

Councillor Carroll

Councillor Caulfield

Councillor Miah

Councillor Chambers

Councillor Connor

**In attendance:**

Mr A Stockhall – Public Realm and Operations Manager (PROM)

Mr R Beeston – Public Realm and Operations Officer (PROO)

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. George Connolly, John Beckingham

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Liam Carroll, declared to being a member in the Save the Paddling Pool Group.

**3. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None

**5. KIDDERMINSTER MARKETS**

The Committee received a report from the PROM detailing the proposals within the report, Kidderminster Markets and considered the recommendations.

**RESOLVED:**

- a. To approve Kidderminster Town Council agrees to maintain the Licence to operate Markets within Kidderminster Town.
- b. To approve Bescott Promotions LTD manage the operations of the Kidderminster Market.

## 6. ST GEORGES PADDLING POOL

The Committee received a report from the PROM detailing the proposals within the report, St Georges paddling Pool and considered the recommendations.

### RESOLVED:

- a. For the PROM to develop and submit a structured series of questions to *The Friends of St George's*, with the purpose of gaining greater clarity on their proposal to assume a long-term lease of the paddling pool. The questions should aim to explore key areas such as governance, funding, maintenance plans, public access, liability, and long-term sustainability.
- b. For the PROM to prepare and circulate a structured series of questions through email to Members of the Operational Services Committee for review. The purpose is to ensure alignment and transparency before seeking formal approval to share the questions with *The Friends of St George's*. This process will help ensure that the Committee is fully informed and supportive of the approach being taken to assess the proposal for a long-term lease of the paddling pool
- c. For the PROM to explore the scheduling of an additional meeting of the Operational Services Committee at the earliest opportunity, with the purpose of reviewing the responses received from *The Friends of St George's* to the structured questions. This meeting would provide a dedicated forum for in-depth discussion, evaluation of the proposal, and consideration of any implications. The outcome of this meeting should be a formal recommendation to be presented to the October Full Council for a decision on the proposed long-term future of the paddling pool.
- d. To carry out a sympathetic clean of the pool and surround, to be completed by the PROM & PROO.