

A meeting of the **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERSHIPS)** will be held in **CIVIC SUITE 0.1A, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON, PE29 3TN** on **THURSDAY, 13TH JUNE 2019** at **7:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

**Contact  
(01480)**

## **APOLOGIES**

### **1. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 10)**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Customers and Partnerships) meetings held on 4th April 2019 and 15th May 2019.

**A Green  
388008**

### **2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

To receive from Members declarations as to disclosable pecuniary and other interests in relation to any Agenda item.

### **3. NOTICE OF KEY EXECUTIVE DECISIONS (Pages 11 - 14)**

A copy of the current Notice of Key Executive Decisions is attached. Members are invited to note the Plan and to comment as appropriate on any items contained therein.

**H Peacey  
388169**

### **4. PETITION**

Mr J Dewis will present a petition on behalf of 158 signatories regarding the proposed closure of St Ives Squash Courts. The petition statement is as follows:-

"It has recently been advised that Huntingdon District Council has decided to close all the squash courts at the One Leisure St. Ives Outdoor Centre. This would have a devastating effect on the participation levels in the St. Ives area.

This was advised to the St. Ivo Racquets Club ('the club'), the squash and racket ball club based in St. Ives, which operates from the courts. The club aims to encourage affordable community participation in squash and racket ball sports, for social through to county-standard players and from junior to senior levels. It is not-for-profit, run by volunteers.

The club has been advised in a letter from One Leisure dated Friday 22 March 2019, that is after the decision had already been made by the Council. The club has still to view any public records related to this decision. The club is extremely concerned about the lack of a public consultation process prior to this decision being made. Neither the club, representing the largest single group of players, nor individual users have been afforded an opportunity to present the case to continue supporting squash

and racket ball facilities in St. Ives.

St. Ives has a long and proud history of squash and racket ball, the St. Ivo Racquets Club formed in 1975. The club has a very low membership fees to encourage participation from the whole community, activities include weekly club nights open to all, where coaching is provided. The club runs two county standard teams, the first team won the Cambridgeshire 2nd division title in March 2019. The courts in St. Ives are some of the last publicly accessible courts in the area. Children have immediate access to affordable facilities for a rewarding sport, which can prepare them both physically and mentally for the future. The sport is universally accepted as a fantastic fitness work out, and its appeal stretches across the ages from the youngest just old enough to hold a racket to those in their seventies. However, courts are needed in St. Ives to provide good local community access.

A functional training facility is proposed in place of the four squash courts. Neither a sporting nor business case for this change of use has been made public yet. There is already a One Leisure gym in St. Ives, the result of a recent multi-million-pound investment.

The last public courts in the area would be two courts at Huntingdon. The additional time and distance for St. Ives based players to travel would inevitably lead to a further decline in participation when the community should expect the opposite for the good of the health and well-being of our community. If the proposed closure goes ahead, St. Ives would have been reduced from eight to no courts in a relatively short time, and Huntingdon / St. Ives combined reduced from ten courts to two.

Community squash can be run successfully from a commercial viewpoint. The St. Neots One Leisure squash courts are well utilised, are in good condition, adequately heated and have long opening hours. It would be ideal if a similar outcome could be achieved for St. Ives. The squash courts at St. Ives can be restored to a valuable community asset.”

## **5. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

To resolve:

that the press and public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

## **6. ONE LEISURE ST IVES OUTDOOR - REPURPOSING OF SQUASH COURTS INTO A FITNESS FACILITY (Pages 15 - 74)**

The Panel are to receive a report on the repurposing of the squash courts as a fitness facility at One Leisure St Ives Outdoor.

**J Wisely  
388049**

## **7. RE-ADMITTANCE OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

To resolve:

that the press and public be re-admitted to the meeting.

**8. ANNUAL UPDATE ON VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANT FUNDING**

Ms Julie Farrow will be in attendance to present the annual update on voluntary sector grant funding.

**C Stopford  
388280**

**9. CITIZENS ADVICE RURAL CAMBS ANNUAL UPDATE**

Mr Nick Blencowe will be in attendance to present the Citizens Advice Rural Cambs Annual Update.

**C Stopford  
388280**

**10. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 75 - 82)**

The Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme is to be presented to the Panel.

**A Green  
388008**

Dated this 5th day of June 2019



Head of Paid Service

**Notes**

**1. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

(1) *Members are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests and unless you have obtained dispensation, cannot discuss or vote on the matter at the meeting and must also leave the room whilst the matter is being debated or voted on.*

(2) *A Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest if it -*

- (a) relates to you, or*
- (b) is an interest of -*

- (i) your spouse or civil partner; or*
- (ii) a person with whom you are living as husband and wife; or*
- (iii) a person with whom you are living as if you were civil partners*

*and you are aware that the other person has the interest.*

(3) *Disclosable pecuniary interests includes -*

- (a) any employment or profession carried out for profit or gain;*
- (b) any financial benefit received by the Member in respect of expenses incurred carrying out his or her duties as a Member (except from the Council);*
- (c) any current contracts with the Council;*
- (d) any beneficial interest in land/property within the Council's area;*
- (e) any licence for a month or longer to occupy land in the Council's area;*
- (f) any tenancy where the Council is landlord and the Member (or person in (2)(b) above) has a beneficial interest; or*
- (g) a beneficial interest (above the specified level) in the shares of any body which has a place of business or land in the Council's area.*

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  - (b) it relates to or is likely to affect a disclosable pecuniary interest, but in respect of a member of your family (other than specified in (2)(b) above) or a person with whom you have a close association, or*
  - (c) it relates to or is likely to affect any body –*
    - (i) exercising functions of a public nature; or*
    - (ii) directed to charitable purposes; or*
    - (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a Member or in a position of control or management.*

*and that interest is not a disclosable pecuniary interest.*

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