


Overview and Scrutiny Recommendation Tracker



Project / recommendation and date proposed	Action	Team responsible	Date for completion	Rating	Comments
Access for Disabled People (August 2012)					
Recommendation 2	Installation of a canopy over the ramp access to Shopmobility.	Property Services and Community Services	To be confirmed but subject to the outcomes of the planning process.		<p><u>Previous update:</u> Approval will be required from the Kingfisher Centre due to the land being in their ownership. Following this planning permission would also be required.</p> <p>A planning application has been submitted for an amendment to access for Car Park 3 and an additional access point to Car Park 1. Officers are therefore currently unable to take any further action on this recommendation until planning has been either accepted or refused as they will need to assess how any outcomes of this planning process will affect the erection of the canopy.</p> <p><u>June 2015 update:</u> As of 6th May 2015 Officers were waiting for the Kingfisher Shopping Centre to change the access outside Shopmobility, which had been the subject of the planning application. However, Officers have not been advised when this work is likely to be completed.</p>

Arts and Culture (April 2013)					
Recommendation 4	Exhibition space to be introduced in the Palace Theatre and the Abbey Stadium	Leisure Services	September 2015	☺	<p><u>June 2015 update:</u> The Arts Development Service has worked with Property Services, the Palace Theatre team and the Arts in Redditch Network (AIR) to introduce a new exhibition space at the theatre. It will open on Tuesday 8th September. Three artists will exhibit for two months at a time, with their work being sold through the theatre. The exhibition space will be advertised in the theatre brochure.</p> <p>AIR delivered their third highly successful Pop Up Art Gallery at the Kingfisher Centre from 20th to the 31st May 2015, supported by the Arts Development Service. Over 7,000 people visited during the last gallery.</p>
Arts and Culture (April 2013)					
Recommendation 9	The “Creative Redditch” artwork to be used on the next bus shelter to be installed in the town centre.	Community Safety	To be confirmed	☹	<p><u>Previous update:</u> There are no plans to install Euroshell type bus shelters that could display the work in town centre at this time. As previously reported to the Committee Officers had explored the option for the creative Redditch artwork to be used on the shutter for the former Poundstretcher unit. However, in December 2014 Officers reported that the prospects for using the Creative Redditch piece at the former PoundStretcher store appeared to be slim.</p> <p><u>June 2015 update:</u> Since the last update the landlord of the former Pound Stretcher store</p>

					on Alcester Street has complied with direction from Planning Enforcement to repair damaged glazing on the shop front and there is felt to be some scope to work with them further to enhance the shop front appearance possibly through the use of artwork such as the "Creative Redditch" piece. This proposal has not yet been costed and so the feasibility remains under consideration by officers at this point.
Landscaping (April 2014)					
Recommendation 4	Data for landscaping cases to be reported per ward area to Members on an annual basis. This will initially be trialled to find out whether Members wish to continue to receive the information.	Environmental Services	Completed	☺	<p><u>June 2015 update:</u> Officers have developed a report to allow this data to be reported and Members were sent a copy of the information relating to their wards at the start of the new municipal year.</p> <p>Members have been asked to notify Officers if they feel that this data is useful and if they would like to continue to receive it.</p>
Abbey Stadium (June 2014)					
Recommendation 1 Follow –up recommendation (September 2014)	<p>The potential for a trust to manage Council leisure facilities including the Abbey Stadium to be investigated further.</p> <p>when exploring the option for Council Leisure facilities to be managed by a Trust the potential for the following facilities to be introduced at the Abbey</p>	<p>Leisure Services</p> <p>Leisure Services</p>	Summer 2015	☹	<p><u>June 2015 update:</u> A report on this subject is listed on the Executive Work Programme. Currently it is anticipated that this report will be presented in the Summer 2015 with the opportunity for Overview and Scrutiny to pre-scrutinise the options appraisal.</p>

	Stadium should be investigated further a) Therapeutic services b) A sauna/steam room.				
Abbey Stadium (June 2014)					
Recommendation 2	The O&S Committee to pre-scrutinise the final business case for trust management of Council leisure facilities.	Leisure Services and Democratic Services	June and July 2015	☹️	<u>June 2015 update:</u> The Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to adopt a phased approach to pre-scrutinising the business case. This will begin with an interview with the relevant Head of Service in June 2015 to be followed by a request to interview the consultants who prepared the management options appraisal.
Voluntary and Community Sector (July 2014)					
Recommendation 4	The Council to consider employing an apprentice to support the work of the Grants Officer.	Community Services and HR.	To be confirmed.	☹️	<u>Previous update:</u> There has been a delay in recruiting to this post, partly due to long-term staff sickness absence. Officers are hoping to recruit to an apprentice post, to be shared between Community Services and the Policy team, early in the New Year. <u>June 2015 update:</u> A decision has been taken to postpone recruiting to this post until summer 2015 due to long-term staff absence in relevant departments.

Voluntary and Community Sector (July 2014)					
Recommendation 6	An informal working group of Officers to be established to share information about services working with VCS groups and volunteers.	Community Services to co-ordinate.	Completed.	😊	<u>June 2015 update:</u> To date this action has been undertaken in respect of financial and debt advice services available from the Voluntary and Community Sector groups and volunteers.
Voluntary and Community Sector (July 2014)					
Recommendation 6a	Dedicated space to be introduced on the intranet to share information about the work services are doing with VCS groups.	Community Services to co-ordinate	To be confirmed	😐	<u>June 2015 update:</u> Officers have started work with IT and the local Voluntary and Community Sector groups to ensure this space shares important and valuable information. There is currently a delay in populating this space due to a long term staff absence. This will be re-visited once the service is fully staffed.
Voluntary and Community Sector (July 2014)					
Recommendation 7a	The staff volunteering policy to be refreshed and promoted.	HR	To be confirmed	😐	<u>April and June 2015 update:</u> Officers have confirmed that the policy will be refreshed and promoted. However, a number of HR policies which have direct implications for staff are due to be issued and will be prioritised.

Voluntary and Community Sector (July 2014)					
Recommendation 8	A new staff award to be introduced recognising the voluntary work carried out by staff.	Office Services	The implementation of this recommendation has been delayed due to practical issues identified by Officers.		<p><u>Previous update:</u> At the last meeting of the Committee when the tracker was considered Members agreed that this matter should be discussed further with the Chair of the Task Group to as a number of problems were identified by officers regarding the feasibility of implementing the recommendation.</p> <p>The Chair of the Task Group has been approached about this issue. She is suggesting that staff should be urged in Oracle newsletters to come forward to report the volunteering that they are involved in as part of an internal communications campaign. This could be used as the basis for nominations to the staff awards in 2015/16.</p> <p><u>June 2015 update:</u> An article appeared in the May 2015 staff newsletter encouraging staff to inform the Communications team about their volunteering experiences. Examples reported to the team may be promoted in future editions of staff newsletters.</p>
Voluntary and Community Sector (July 2014)					
Recommendation 10	A Voluntary Sector event to be held and to include a prize giving ceremony.	Community Services to work with Voluntary	To be confirmed.		<u>June 2015 update:</u> Officers are planning to engage with local groups to get feedback on this type of event. Due to a long term staff

		and Community Sector groups.			absence, this work and feedback from the consultation will be provided once the service is fully staffed.
Football Provision Task Group (September 2014)					
Single recommendation	The evidence considered by the Football Task Group relating to the requirement for specific pitch arrangements for mini and junior football be taken into account during the period of the emerging local plan when opportunities arise for the improvement or development of pitches.	Planning	To be confirmed	☹️	<u>April and June 2015 update:</u> The Leisure team have put together a playing pitch strategy which identifies their needs across the Borough, and this evidence has fed into the compilation of policies within Local Plan 4 which is currently at examination in public, hopefully prior to its adoption. This will lead to planning applications being determined in accordance with this strategy in order to ensure appropriate and adequate provision of facilities across the Borough.
Committee Recommendation – Shopmobility Funding (January 2015)					
	Officers were asked to approach the Kingfisher Shopping Centre in respect of contributing further funding for the Shopmobility scheme.	Community Services	Officers have undertaken the action requested by Members.	☹️	<u>June 2015 update:</u> The Kingfisher Management have declined to provide any additional funding to the £30k per annum they currently contribute, alongside their in-kind contribution of utility costs and non-rent. However Officers will continue to work in partnership with the council to look at other possibilities to support the facility going forward.