

# Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday, 2nd September, 2014

## MINUTES

### Present:

Councillor Jane Potter (Chair), Councillor Gay Hopkins (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Joe Baker, Natalie Brookes (substituting for Councillor Andrew Fry), David Bush, Carole Gandy, Alan Mason, Paul Swansborough and Pat Witherspoon

### Also Present:

Hayley Capper (Matchborough Positive Activities Zone), P Finnemore (Worcestershire County Council), M Hayden (What's Your Point?), M Healy (Matchborough Positive Activities Zone), D Venness (YMCA) and P Woolcock (Batchley Support Group)

### Officers:

H Broughton, R Cooke and K Dicks

### Democratic Services Officers:

J Bayley and A Scarce

### Minute extract

## 28. FOOTBALL TASK GROUP - FINAL REPORT

Councillor David Bush, as Chair of the Football Task Group, presented the group's final report for the Committee's consideration. Councillor Bush explained that this was the second element of the work of the group and its objective was to establish the current and future need for community football in Redditch, including existing provision in the Borough, potential alternatives and how provision could be helped and supported. The group had had a short break during the election period and the Committee had agreed in June for the group to continue.

Prior to recommencing its work, the Task Group had been made aware that a Football Stakeholder Group had been established by Leisure Services in order to support strategic plans for developing and supporting football in the Borough. In light of this information the group had agreed to cease its work and to pass on any relevant

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information to the Stakeholder Group for consideration, as Members were keen to ensure that Officer time was not wasted and work duplicated.

Councillor Bush explained that there were three recommendations for the Committee to consider and a further recommendation for the Committee to refer on to the Executive Committee if it wished to do so. It was highlighted that the wording of the recommendation for the Executive might need to be changed in due course.

## **RESOLVED that**

- 1) the activity being undertaken by Leisure services and the Stakeholder Group to find ways of pulling resources into Redditch to support football is endorsed;**
- 2) the Playing Pitch Strategy, when produced later in 2014, be brought to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to inform Councillors of the outcomes;**
- 3) in order not to duplicate work being carried out by Leisure Services in association with the FA and Football Stakeholder Group, the Task Group work is concluded; and**

## **RECOMMENDED that**

**the Executive ensure that the playing pitch strategy identified clear links to the emerging local plan requirements for playing pitch provision.**

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm  
and closed at 9.00 pm