

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

24th June 2015

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Jane Potter (Chair), and Councillors Joe Baker, Tom Baker-Price (substituting for Councillor Gay Hopkins), David Bush, Pattie Hill (substituting for Councillor Andrew Fry), Gareth Prosser, Paul Swansborough, Jennifer Wheeler and Nina Wood-Ford

Also Present:

Councillors Roger Bennett, Antonia Pulsford and Pat Witherspoon (Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Tourism)

Officers:

S Hanley, J Pickering and S Morgan

Democratic Services Officers:

Jess Bayley and A Scarce

11. APOLOGIES AND NAMED SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Andrew Fry and Gay Hopkins with Councillors Pattie Hill and Tom Baker-Price present as substitutes respectively.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of interest nor of any party whip.

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that

under S.100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following matters on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act, as amended.

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Chair

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Item 13 – Review of the Operation of Leisure Services – Pre-scrutiny

14. REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF LEISURE SERVICES - PRE-SCRUTINY

(During consideration of this item Members discussed matters that necessitated the disclosure of exempt information. It was therefore agreed to exclude the press and public prior to any debate on the grounds that information would be revealed relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information).

15. FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF REDDITCH OUTDOOR MARKET - PRE-SCRUTINY

The Chair explained to Members that although the Future Management of Redditch Outdoor Market consultant's report had been requested it had not been provided for the consideration of the Committee. It was confirmed that under the Council's Constitution and relevant legislation, Overview and Scrutiny was not entitled to reports in draft form and this included the document the Committee had requested. It was within the gift of the Executive Committee to determine whether to release such documents and on this occasion it had declined the Committee's request. The Chair further explained that although the relevant lead Officer had agreed to attend the meeting, she had informed him that he was no longer required. The Committee would receive the report following its publication on 6th July 2015 and would consider it at its next meeting on 7th July 2015.

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and closed at 8.21 pm