

**MINUTES OF THE SHAREHOLDER CABINET COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 10:00AM ON
MONDAY 14 JUNE 2021
VIA ZOOM**

Members Present: Councillors Allen (Chair), Councillor Bisby, Councillor Coles, Councillor Walsh

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ayres and Councillor Cereste, with Councillor Bisby in attendance as a substitute for Councillor Ayres.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

3. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 1 March 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record.

4. Delivery of Leisure Services Since 1 October 2020 by Peterborough Limited

The Shareholder Cabinet Committee received a report in relation to the Delivery of Leisure Services by Peterborough Limited.

The purpose of this report was to update the committee on the Council's existing and ongoing Leisure arrangements.

The Corporate Director for Resources addressed the Shareholder Cabinet Committee and advised that services for leisure and culture had been handed back to the Council from Vivacity in October 2020. Information on culture services would be provided to the next meeting of the committee. Members were informed that assessment of the affordability of leisure services was difficult at the current time, as the service had not be open for a large portion of the year, due to COVID-19 lockdowns. The services were now open, but on a limited basis. Positive feedback had, however, been received in relation to opening the Lido in October 2020.

In past years the Council had provided Vivacity with a £2 million subsidy to support leisure services and work was being done on whether this would be affordable going forward. It was further noted that leisure services and 3rd party contractors across the country were struggling in the current climate.

A successful bid for £500,000 had been placed as services reopened in January/February 2021. It was further advised that it was intended to retain leisure services in-house for 3 years in order for the service to return to normality.

The Shareholder Cabinet Committee debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- The momentum to host outside classes was still present, and formed part of the Active Lifestyles and Sports Strategy, however officers were in the process of establishing where this could take place.
- Further work was being completed on five additional outdoor table tennis tables in the next few weeks.
- It was noted that outdoor classes had been run and had proven popular, however interest had decreased in light of indoor classes resuming.
- The service was currently working on implementing a new IT system, which would provide more flexibility to host lessons outdoors.
- Work was still ongoing in relation to the active lifestyles programme, but was progress at a slower rate in order to bring the programme in line with the Sports England 10 Year Strategy, which was to be finalised within the next week.
- It was noted that a number of queries had been raised with Members about the maintenance of children's play areas, and it was advised that the Council was currently in the middle of an upgrading programme of around 56 playgrounds.
- It was further noted that work was being done to establish outdoor spaces for activities. It would depend on the activity taking place as to whether any provider would require a licence.
- Consideration was given to whether further sites should be provided for older children and teenagers, and officers confirmed that this was part of the Parks Accelerator programme, with the introduction of a parkour park being considered.
- Comment was made that further communication to the public about sites being open and how to make bookings would be beneficial.

The Shareholder Cabinet Committee considered the report and **RESOLVED** to note:

1. Peterborough Limited's performance in the initial part of the contract (since 1st October 2020);
2. The proposal to extend leisure services provided by Peterborough Limited for three additional years to September 2024, to get through the COVID-19 situation and ensure there are viable options to compete against at that time;
3. The required ongoing client arrangements for the contract; and
4. The makeup of the financial remuneration package for Peterborough Limited.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The ensured that the services were stabilised in the medium term, with information collected in that period ensuring that the Council made the right decision for the long-term delivery of the service

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

There were three other options that were considered:

- Giving parts of the service to other providers to run;
- Letting 3rd Parties deliver the Sports service (Charitable and Commercial);
- Setting up another Trust to deliver the services.

At the present time, with the condition of the market these were not thought to be deliverable in the medium term.

A full in house transfer was considered but bringing services into a PCC owned entity gave the services the flexibility to work towards an independent future in the long term and gave them the ability to access funding that may not have been available to the Council itself.

5. Shareholder Cabinet Committee Work Programme

The Shareholder Cabinet Committee received the Shareholder Cabinet Committee work programme for the 2021/2022 municipal year.

The Shareholder Cabinet Committee considered the report and **RESOLVED** to note the latest version of the work programme, subject to the following changes:

- To amend 'City of Culture' to 'City Culture'
- To defer the 'NPS Update' to November

The Shareholder Cabinet Committee further requested that a briefing note be circulate to all Members prior to the meeting in September in relation to communications from the Council's partner organisations.

Chairman
10:00am – 10:24am
14 June 2021

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