

INCOME GENERATION SUB-COMMITTEE

10th November 2021

Present: Councillor Steve Mackay in the Chair
Councillors Bisset, Mitchell, Riaz (Vice-Chair) and Stafford

Officers: Mark Baldwin, Head of Finance
Shane Flynn, Corporate Director, Finance and Resources

18 Appointment of Substitutes

Councillor Bisset for Councillor Stephen.

19 Declarations of Interest

None.

20 Public Participation

None.

21 Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

22 Freedom Leisure - Proposed Fees & Charges For 2022

The Committee considered the proposed Fees and Charges submitted by Freedom Leisure for the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 inclusive. The Corporate Director – Finance and Resources presented the report and explained that the proposal from Freedom Leisure was that their prices are increased by an average of 3.2% across the various categories. The proposal was supported by Communities Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Committee agree to recommend the Council to approve the Fees and Charges submitted by Freedom Leisure for 2022 (covering the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 inclusive).

23 Football Facilities at Perdiswell

The Sub-Committee considered a report on football facilities at Perdiswell. The Corporate Director – Finance and Resources presented the report and explained that in July 2018, the Sub-Committee had agreed to provide £25,000 to fund a feasibility study into the potential development of a Futsal facility and an All-Weather Pitch (AWP). A range of assessments were undertaken and reports prepared for Committee in winter 2019/20 which were deferred due to focus on other developments. At the same time, the Football Foundation published its priorities for football development in Worcester and included an identified need for additional small-sided playing pitches and AWP provision.

The Local Football Foundation Plan (LFFP) was presented to, and approved by, the Communities Committee in January 2020.

The assessments included a proposed business case for each facility and new changing room facilities at Perdiswell Leisure Centre. The financial information which supported these proposals was now out of date and it was necessary to undertake revisions in the light of cost increases that have been experienced on other capital works as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic and supply chain issues.

In the meantime the existing five-a-side pitches adjacent to the Leisure Centre had been brought back into use, and therefore it was proposed that further consideration should be given to whether the conversion of the facilities to a Futsal stadium is the most cost-effective use of the site and the connected land.

The Corporate Director responded to questions from Sub-Committee Members.

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee approve funding of up to £10,000 from the Income Generation Fund to undertake revision of financial assessments.

24 Quarter 2 Performance Report For 2021/22

The Sub-Committee considered a report on the Council's Quarter 2 performance for Income Generation for 2021/22. The Head of Finance presented the report and highlighted the main points.

Sub-Committee Members commented and asked questions on various aspects of the report. There was a discussion on the Riverside Café and income received from rents and trading licences along the riverside. The Corporate Director advised that the various riverside projects which will provide an opportunity to review what contribution the café can make to the area and the letting terms.

RESOLVED: That the Income Generation Sub-Committee note the Council's Quarter 2 performance for 2021/22.

25 Any Other Business

None.

26 Item Involving the Disclosure of Exempt information

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of information as defined in Schedule 12A of the said Act.

27 Minutes (Exempt Items)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Duration of the meeting: 7.00p.m. – 7.32p.m.

Chair at the meeting on
2nd February 2022

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