LEISURE FACILITIES, CULTURE AND YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, 19th March, 2007

Present: Cllr B J Luker (Chairman), Cllr Mrs J M Harrison (Vice-Chairman), Cllr P F Bolt, Cllr M A Coffin, Cllr G Court, Cllr Mrs E M Holland, Cllr Mrs F A Hoskins, Cllr Mrs A S Oakley and Cllr A K Sullivan.

Representative: Mr Nicholl (Tonbridge Sports Association)

Councillors Heslop, Mrs Murray, Rhodes, Still and Worrall were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Miners and Thornewell.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

LCY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

07/019

There were no declarations of interest made.

LCY MINUTES

07/020

RESOLVED: That the notes of the meeting of the Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Advisory Board held on 8 January 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET

LCY LOCAL PLAY STRATEGY

07/021

Decision Notice D070072MEM

The joint report of the Chief Leisure Officer and Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth advised on the development of a Local Play Strategy for Tonbridge and Malling and brought forward a proposed programme of consultation. Dr Joy Standeven, who had assisted with the preparation of the Draft Local Play Strategy, outlined the relationship between the strategy, the Big Lottery Fund allocation, the Local Development Framework and the Open Space Strategy. Details of the consultation to be undertaken in April/May 2007 were outlined in the report.

RECOMMENDED: That

(1) the draft Local Play Strategy be circulated for consultation as outlined in the report; and

(2) the final Local Play Strategy be brought forward to the next meeting of the Advisory Board for consideration prior to submission to the Policy and Best Value Committee.

LCY SPORTS AND ARTS REVENUE GRANTS 2006/07

07/022

Decision Notice D070073MEM

The joint report of the Chief Leisure Officer and the Cabinet Members for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth and Resources and Capital Projects outlined the approach and criteria for considering Sports and Arts Revenue Grants, detailed the applications received in the current financial year and requested determination of the amount of grant aid to be awarded in each case. The report also set out details of applications made by local Parish Councils in relation to the Tour de France event on 8 July 2007.

RECOMMENDED: That

(1) grants be awarded on the basis set out at Annex 1 to the report; and

(2) the applications from local Parish Councils in respect of events associated with the Tour de France be approved, with funding of £1,600 from the Leisure and Cultural Activities Earmarked Reserve.

LCY 2007 COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

07/023

Decision Notice D070074MEM

The joint report of the Chief Leisure Officer and the Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth advised that nominations for the 2007 Coach of the Year Award had been considered by the Award Panel which had recommended that the award be made to Darren Leach for his achievements in the development of swimming within the Borough. The report also brought forward a recommendation from the Panel to make a Lifetime Achievement Award to Margaret Borley for her many years service to the development of baseball for young people in Tonbridge.

RECOMMENDED: That

(1) the 2007 Coach of the Year Award be made to Darren Leach for his achievements in the development of swimming;

(2) a Lifetime Achievement Award for coaching be made to Margaret Borley for her contribution to the development of baseball; and

(3) the awards be presented at the Sports and Arts Grants presentation evening.

LCY YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARD

07/024

Decision Notice D070075MEM

The joint report of the Chief Leisure Officer and the Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth brought forward details of nominations received for the Council's Young Achievers Award.

RECOMMENDED: That

(1) Young Achievers Awards be made to the three nominees indicated at paragraph 1.3.2 of the report; and

(2) the awards be formally presented at the Sports and Arts revenue grants presentation evening.

LCY OUTDOOR LEISURE FACILITIES - WATER SAFETY

07/025

Decision Notice D070076MEM

The joint report of the Chief Leisure Officer and the Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth provided an update on the development of site specific Water Safety Strategies for the Council's main outdoor leisure facilities and brought forward a draft Water Safety Strategy for Haysden Country Park prepared with the assistance of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).

RECOMMENDED: That

(1) the draft Water Safety Strategy for Haysden Country Park be adopted and the associated action plan be implemented, subject to further consultation with The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents; and

(2) site specific Water Safety Strategies for Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground and Tonbridge Castle and an overarching Water Safety Policy for all outdoor leisure sites be submitted to the next meeting of the Advisory Board.

LCY HAYSDEN COUNTRY PARK - LOCAL NATURE RESERVE 07/026 DESIGNATION

Decision Notice D070077MEM

The joint report of the Chief Leisure Officer and the Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth updated the Board on the designation of Local Nature Reserves in the Borough and sought approval for the designation of Haysden Country Park to be progressed. Members suggested that attention should be drawn to the achievement of the Local Nature Reserve designation and that it could be publicised by additional signage at the Park's entrances.

RECOMMENDED: That Local Nature Reserve designation for Haysden Country Park be sought and progressed in accordance with the declaration process outlined in the report.

LCY TONBRIDGE FARM SPORTSGROUND - MARKET SURVEY 07/027 RESULTS

Decision Notice D070078MEM

The joint report of the Chief Leisure Officer and the Cabinet Members for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth and Resources and Capital Projects provided details of the results of the 2006 Market Survey carried out at Tonbridge Farm Sportsground and brought forward proposed actions to address identified issues.

RECOMMENDED: That the 2006 market survey results for Tonbridge Farm Sportsground be noted and the improvements outlined in the report be progressed.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

LCY INDOOR LEISURE FACILITIES - PLANT CONDITION SURVEYS 07/028

The report of the Chief Leisure Officer set out details of action taken to undertake plant condition surveys at the Council's indoor leisure facilities.

LCY LEISURE SERVICES BUSINESS UNIT - LOYALTY SCHEME

07/029

The Chief Leisure Officer's report outlined a proposal to introduce a loyalty scheme at the Council's indoor leisure facilities.

LCY 2007 SUMMER PLAYSCHEME

07/030

The report set out details of the arrangements made in respect of the 2007 Summer Playscheme and the Chief Leisure Officer advised that confirmation had been received regarding venues at St James the Great School, East Malling, Tonbridge Baptist Church and the Little-Uns Day Nursery, Snodland.

LCY HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

07/031

The report updated the Board on progress made towards the 2007 Heritage Open Days event.

LCY CAPITAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

07/032

The report updated the Board on progress with schemes contained in the Leisure Services Section of the Capital Plan. The Chief Leisure Officer updated Members on progress with the works at Larkfield Leisure Centre. It was noted that H Goodsell and Son had been appointed as the building contractor and that works would commence on 16 April 2007.

LCY LEISURE FACILITIES - FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

07/033

Management information for Poult Wood Golf Centre, Tonbridge Castle and Tonbridge Cemetery was summarised in Annexes 1-3 of the report.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

LCY EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

07/034

The Chairman moved, it was seconded and

RESOLVED: That as public discussion would disclose exempt information the following matters be considered in private.

PART 2 - PRIVATE

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET

LCY POULT WOOD GOLF CENTRE - CLUBHOUSE AND CATERING 07/035 SERVICES CONTRACT (Reason: LGA 1972 Sch 12A Para 3 - Financial or business affairs of any particular person)

Decision Notice D070079MEM

The joint report of the Chief Leisure Officer and the Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth provided an update on the retendering of the Clubhouse Management and Catering Services Contract at Poult Wood Golf Centre and sought approval of a Select List of Contractors.

RECOMMENDED: That the Select List of contractors outlined in the report be approved and invited to tender for the Poult Wood Clubhouse Management and Catering Services Contract.

LCY OUTDOOR LEISURE FACILITIES - MOBILE CATERING 07/036 CONTRACTS (Reason: LGA 1972 Sch 12A Para 3 - Financial or business affairs of any particular person)

Decision Notice D070080MEM

The joint report of the Chief Leisure Officer and the Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth set out details of the outcome of the tendering of mobile catering contracts at the Council's main outdoor leisure facilities and sought approval to appoint the successful contractors. **RECOMMENDED:** That, subject to the satisfactory outcome of financial and technical evaluations, approval be given for the contractors identified in section 1.4 of the report to operate mobile catering contracts at the Council's main outdoor leisure facilities for the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2010.

LCY OUTDOOR LEISURE CONCESSIONS

07/037 (Reason: LGA 1972 Sch 12A Para 3 - Financial or business affairs of any particular person)

Decision Notice D070081MEM

The report of the Chief Leisure Officer gave details of the outcome of the re-tendering of the Water Sports Concession at Leybourne Lakes Country Park and the Pleasure Boat Concession in Tonbridge, and of negotiations regarding fishing rights at the Country Park. Approval was sought for the appointment of the successful concessionaires. In response to Members' concern about the level and type of water sport services provided, the Chief Leisure Officer advised that the Council's aspirations would be made very clear to the operators regarding the availability of small sailing craft at Leybourne Lakes and of a larger passenger vessel at Tonbridge.

RECOMMENDED: That

(1) subject to the satisfactory outcome of financial and technical evaluations, Leybourne Lakes Dive Centre be offered a new five-year lease with a rent review following year three (upwards only) from 1 April 2007 for the Water Sports Concession at Leybourne Lakes Country Park;

(2) the outcome of negotiations with Mid Kent Fisheries for the provision of angling services at Leybourne Lakes Country Park be noted; and

(3) subject to the satisfactory outcome of financial and technical evaluations, Tonbridge Waterways be offered a new lease to operate the hiring of small rowing boats from the Landing Stage adjacent to the Big Bridge in Tonbridge, for a period of 3 years from 1 April 2007 with the option to extend for a further 2 years based on the satisfactory performance of the contractor.

The meeting ended at 2057 hours

RECORD OF DECISION

Decision Taken By: CABINET MEMBER FOR Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Decision No: D070072MEM Date: 19th March 2007

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Local Play Strategy

(Report of Chief Leisure Officer and Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth) (Annex 1 - Front cover) (Annex 1)

The report advised on the development of a Local Play Strategy for Tonbridge and Malling and brought forward a proposed programme of consultation.

Following consideration by the Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth resolved that:

1) the draft Local Play Strategy be circulated for consultation as outlined in the report; and

2) the final Local Play Strategy be brought forward to the next meeting of the Advisory Board for consideration prior to submission to the Policy and Best Value Committee.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Advisory Board of 19 March 2007.

Signed Cabinet Member for S Murray Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth:

Signed Leader: M Worrall

Signed Chief Executive: D Hughes

Date of publication: 23 March 2007

RECORD OF DECISION

Decision Taken By: CABINET MEMBER FOR Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Decision No: D070073MEM Date: 19th March 2007

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Sports and Arts Revenue Grants 2006/07

(Report of Chief Leisure Officer and Cabinet Members for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth and Resources and Capital Projects) (Annex 1) (Annex 2.1)

(Annex 2.2) (Annex 2.3)

The report outlined the approach and criteria for considering Sports and Arts revenue grants, detailed the applications received in the current financial year and requested determination of the amount of grant aid to be awarded in each case. Consideration was also given to applications made by local Parish Councils in relation to events linked to the Tour de France.

Following consideration by the Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth resolved that:

1) grants be awarded on the basis set out at Annex 1 to the report; and

2) the applications from local Parish Councils in respect of events associated with the Tour de France be approved, with funding of £1,600 from the Leisure and Cultural Activities Earmarked Reserve.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Advisory Board of 19 March 2007.

Signed Cabinet Member for S Murray Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth:

Signed Leader: M Worrall

Signed Chief Executive: D Hughes

Date of publication: 23 March 2007

RECORD OF DECISION

Decision Taken By: CABINET MEMBER FOR Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Decision No: D070074MEM Date: 19th March 2007

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

2007 Coach of the Year Award

(Report of Chief Leisure Officer and Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth) (Annex 1) (Annex 2)

The report advised that nominations for the 2007 Coach of the Year Award had been considered by the Award Panel which had recommended that the award be made to Darren Leach for his achievements in the development of swimming within the Borough. The report also brought forward a recommendation from the Panel to make a Lifetime Achievement Award to Margaret Borley.

Following consideration by the Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth resolved that:

1) the 2007 Coach of the Year Award be made to Darren Leach for his achievements in the development of swimming;

2) a Lifetime Achievement Award for coaching be made to Margaret Borley for her contribution to the development of baseball; and

3) the awards be presented at the Sports and Arts Grants presentation evening.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Advisory Board of 19 March 2007.

Signed Cabinet Member for S Murray Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth:

Signed Leader: M Worrall

Signed Chief Executive: D Hughes

Date of publication: 23 March 2007

RECORD OF DECISION

Decision Taken By: CABINET MEMBER FOR Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Decision No: D070075MEM Date: 19th March 2007

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Young Achievers Award

(Report of Chief Leisure Officer and Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth)

The report brought forward nominations for the Council's Young Achievers Award.

Following consideration by the Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth resolved that:

1) Young Achievers Awards be made to the three nominees indicated at paragraph 1.3.2 of the report; and

2) the awards be formally presented at the Sports and Arts revenue grants presentation evening.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Advisory Board of 19 March 2007.

Signed Cabinet Member for S Murray Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth:

Signed Leader: M Worrall

Signed Chief Executive: D Hughes

Date of publication: 23 March 2007

RECORD OF DECISION

Decision Taken By: CABINET MEMBER FOR Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Decision No: D070076MEM Date: 19th March 2007

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Outdoor Leisure Facilities - Water Safety

(Report of Chief Leisure Officer and Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth) (Annex 1) (Annex 2)

The report gave an update on the development of site specific Water Safety Strategies (WSSs) for the Council's main outdoor leisure facilities and brought forward a draft WSS for Haysden Country Park for consideration and approval.

Following consideration by the Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth resolved that:

1) the draft Water Safety Strategy for Haysden Country Park be adopted and the associated action plan be implemented, subject to further consultation with The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents; and

2) site specific Water Safety Strategies for Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground and Tonbridge Castle and an overarching Water Safety Policy for all outdoor leisure sites be submitted to the next meeting of the Advisory Board.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Advisory Board of 19 March 2007.

Signed Cabinet Member for S Murray Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth:

Signed Leader: M Worrall

Signed Chief Executive: D Hughes

Date of publication: 23 March 2007

RECORD OF DECISION

Decision Taken By: CABINET MEMBER FOR Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Decision No: D070077MEM Date: 19th March 2007

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Haysden Country Park - Local Nature Reserve Designation

(Report of Chief Leisure Officer and the Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth) (Annex 1)

The report updated the position on the designation of Local Nature Reserves in the Borough and sought approval for the designation of Haysden Country Park to be progressed.

Following consideration by the Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth resolved that Local Nature Reserve designation for Haysden Country Park be sought and progressed in accordance with the declaration process outlined in the report.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Advisory Board of 19 March 2007.

Signed Cabinet Member for S Murray Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth:

Signed Leader: M Worrall

Signed Chief Executive: D Hughes

Date of publication: 23 March 2007

RECORD OF DECISION

Decision Taken By: CABINET MEMBER FOR Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Decision No: D070078MEM Date: 19th March 2007

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Tonbridge Farm Sportsground - Market Survey Results

(Report of Chief Leisure Officer and Cabinet Members for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth and Resources and Capital Projects) (Annex 1)

The report gave details of the results of the 2006 Market Survey carried out at Tonbridge Farm Sportsground and brought forward for consideration proposed actions to address identified issues.

Following consideration by the Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth resolved that the 2006 market survey results for Tonbridge Farm Sportsground be noted and the improvements outlined in the report be progressed.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Advisory Board of 19 March 2007.

Signed Cabinet Member for S Murray Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth:

Signed Leader: M Worrall

Signed Chief Executive: D Hughes

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RECORD OF DECISION

Decision Taken By: CABINET MEMBER FOR Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Decision No: D070079MEM Date: 19th March 2007

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Poult Wood Golf Centre - Clubhouse and Catering Services Contract (Reasons: LGA 1972 Sch 12A Para 3 - Financial or business affairs of any particular person)

(Report of Chief Leisure Officer and Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth) (Annex 1)

The report gave an update on the retendering of the Clubhouse Management and Catering Services Contract at Poult Wood Golf Centre and sought approval of a Select List of Contractors.

Following consideration by the Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth resolved that the Select List of contractors outlined in the report be approved and invited to tender for the Poult Wood Clubhouse Management and Catering Services Contract.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Advisory Board of 19 March 2007 (contains exempt information).

Signed Cabinet Member for S Murray Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth:

Signed Leader: M Worrall

Signed Chief Executive: D Hughes

Date of publication: 23 March 2007

RECORD OF DECISION

Decision Taken By: CABINET MEMBER FOR Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Decision No: D070080MEM Date: 19th March 2007

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Outdoor Leisure Facilities - Mobile Catering Contracts (Reasons: LGA 1972 Sch 12A Para 3 - Financial or business affairs of any particular person)

(Report of Chief Leisure Officer and Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth) (Annex 1)

The report set out details of the outcome of the tendering of mobile catering contracts at the Council's main outdoor leisure facilities and sought approval to appoint the successful contractors.

Following consideration by the Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth resolved that subject to the satisfactory outcome of financial and technical evaluations, approval be given for the contractors identified in section 1.4 of the report to operate mobile catering contracts at the Council's main outdoor leisure facilities for the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2010.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Advisory Board of 19 March 2007 (contains exempt information).

Signed Cabinet Member for S Murray Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth:

Signed Leader: M Worrall

Signed Chief Executive: D Hughes

Date of publication: 23 March 2007

RECORD OF DECISION

Decision Taken By: CABINET MEMBER FOR Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Decision No: D070081MEM Date: 19th March 2007

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Outdoor Leisure Concessions (Reason: LGA 1972 Sch 12A Para 3 - Financial or business affairs of any particular person)

(Report of Chief Leisure Officer)

The report gave details of the outcome of the re-tendering of the Water Sports Concession at Leybourne Lakes Country Park and the Pleasure Boat Concession in Tonbridge, and of negotiations regarding fishing rights at the Country Park. Approval was sought for the appointment of the successful concessionaires.

Following consideration by the Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth resolved that:

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Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth Advisory Board of 19 March 2007 (contains exempt information).

Signed Cabinet Member for S Murray Leisure Facilities, Culture and Youth:

Signed Leader: M Worrall

Signed Chief Executive: D Hughes

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