

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM**

**Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate  
Street, Rotherham. S60  
2TH**

**Date: Tuesday, 3rd July, 2012**

**Time: 10.00 a.m.**

### **A G E N D A**

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd May, 2012 (herewith). (Pages 1 - 2)
4. Representatives of the Council on Outside Bodies and membership of Panels/Sub Groups for the 2012/13 Municipal Year. (Pages 3 - 6)
5. Date and time of the next meeting: -  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2012, to start at 10.00 am in the Rotherham Town Hall.

**CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM  
22nd May, 2012**

Present:- Councillor Rushforth (in the Chair); Councillors Andrews and Wallis.

**F1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 24TH APRIL, 2012.**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet Member for Lifelong Learning and Culture held on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2012, were considered.

Resolved: - That the minutes of the previous Cabinet Member meeting be agreed as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

**F2. HERRINGTHORPE LEISURE SITE - COMMUNICATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE DECISION TO LEASE A SECTION OF THE SITE.**

Further to Minute C85 (Herringthorpe Playing Fields) of the Cabinet, held on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2011, approving the lease of a section of the Herringthorpe Leisure Site to Rotherham Rugby Club Limited, consideration was now given to a report presented by the Leisure and Community Services Manager that outlined the consultation process undertaken by the Council prior to taking this decision.

Following the Cabinet decision, separate but linked communications had been received by the Council expressing concerns in relation to the decision which included three petitions, or perceived petitions, and one handwritten, unaddressed and unsigned letter. The content of the communications had been detailed in the submitted report, and the actual communications were presented to the Cabinet Member for inspection.

Two of the communications expressed an objection to either the lease of a section of the Herringthorpe Leisure Site to Rotherham Rugby Club Limited or the principle of any commercial enterprise on Herringthorpe Playing Fields. One communication expressed an objection from the members and supporters of sports teams to leasing a section of the site to Rotherham Rugby Club Limited. Another communication expressed a perception that sports clubs had not been consulted prior to the decision being made.

The consultation process had been undertaken between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2011, including communications to local residents and regular site users and Area Assembly meetings.

Analysis of the communications and the signatures on the petitions had been undertaken and it was considered that of the 24 different sports clubs identified in the petition raising objections at not having been consulted, 5 had used Herringthorpe Playing Fields between 2009 and 2012. Of these 5 clubs, 3 had been regular users (minimum of 32 bookings over the 3 years) and 2 had not been regular users (maximum of 3 bookings over the 3 years).

There was uncertainty as it was difficult to clearly identify the clubs because of the way some clubs had signed the petition (e.g. 'Rother', 'Rotherham' and 'Rotherham Town'). Therefore, as far as it was possible to determine from the

information provided, 3 of the 24 sports clubs identified in the petition had used the playing pitches at Herringthorpe on a regular basis and they were all sent a letter as part of the consultation process.

Individual supporters of sports clubs were not consulted with directly, although it was possible that they could have been made aware of the proposal by the representatives/members of the sports club they supported.

Discussion ensued, and the following issues were raised: -

- It would still be possible for clubs to hire pitches on the Herringthorpe Playing Fields;
- There would be the net loss of one junior pitch on the Site, but there had been little demand for this facility;
- There would be many benefits for the voluntary and community sector following the lease of the land to Rotherham Rugby Limited, including access for schools and underrepresented and disadvantaged groups;
- The expressed purpose of the lease was for the development of rugby and other sport and recreation activities on the site.

The Cabinet Member noted the objections that had been expressed in the communications to the lease of a section of land, the principle of a commercial enterprise on the Site and the consultation process.

Resolved: - (1) That it be noted that the relevant sports clubs were consulted with as part of the formal consultation process based on the results of the analysis that had been undertaken.

(2) That the objections raised in the communications be noted.

**F3. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING: -**

Resolved: - That the next meeting of the Cabinet Member for Lifelong Learning and Culture take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2012, commencing at 10.00 am in the Rotherham Town Hall.

<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS</b>
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2012</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Appointments to Outside Bodies/Memberships of sub-groups/panels etc – 2012-2013 Municipal Year</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Resources Directorate</b>

### **5. Summary**

The purpose of this report is to consider appointments to outside bodies and membership of sub-groups/panels etc for the 2012-2013 Municipal Year, which fall within the Cabinet Member's portfolio.

### **6. Recommendation:-**

**That the Cabinet Member confirms the required appointments and memberships as detailed in the Appendix to this report.**

## **7. Proposals and Details**

- To ensure that the Council's interests are represented.
- To ensure continuation of the Council's work and services.
- To comply with legislation and Council strategies and policies.
- To continue to work towards meeting regional and national targets.

## **8. Finance**

Costs associated with travel, subsistence and accommodation to be accommodated within existing budget.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

Non-representation may result in the Council's interests not being upheld with a possible impact on service delivery.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

.Representation on outside bodies and the membership of working Committees and Panels will ensure Council policies are communicated and that the Council's performance is aligned with national, regional and local developments.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Appendix: List of outside bodies and sub-groups/panels

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**REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE BODIES MUNICIPAL  
YEAR 2012-2013**

**KIVETON PARK – MINERS’ WELFARE GROUNDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Councillor Whysall (Ward No. 18 (Wales))

**SOUTH YORKSHIRE FOREST – Members’ Steering Committee:-**

Councillors Sangster and Wyatt

**SOUTH YORKSHIRE FOREST ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST LTD**

Councillor Sangster

**SOUTH YORKSHIRE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ARCHAEOLOGY**

Councillors Rushforth, Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism and Dalton, Adviser, Children, Young People and Families’ Services

**SOUTH YORKSHIRE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ARCHIVES**

Councillors Rushforth, Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism, and Dalton, Adviser, Children, Young People and Families’ Services, together with the Cultural Services Manager (or an officer from Archives and Local Studies)

**SOUTH YORKSHIRE SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**

Councillor Rushforth, Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism, together with Mr. Steve Hallsworth, Manager, Leisure, Green Spaces and Community Delivery.

**SWINTON LOCK ACTIVITY CENTRE**

Councillor Doyle (1 representative Ward 16 (Swinton))

**TREETON COMMUNITY CENTRE, PLAYING FIELDS AND MEMORIAL SCHEME  
COMMITTEE**

Councillors R. S. Russell and Swift

**TREETON MINERS’ WELFARE BOWLING GREEN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Councillors Lelliott, R. S. Russell and Swift (Ward No. 11 (Rother Vale))

**YORKSHIRE LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION**

Councillor Rushforth , Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism, together with Elenore Fisher, Cultural Services Manager and Bernard Murphy, Manager, Library & Information Service

**MEMBERSHIP OF PANELS/SUB-GROUPS ETC. – 2011/2012 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

**BOSTON CASTLE AND PARKLANDS PROJECT BOARD**

Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism, Councillor Rushforth (Chair)  
Advisers, Culture and Tourism, Councillors Wallis and Andrews  
Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development, Councillor Smith  
Senior Adviser, Regeneration and Development, Councillor Clark  
Councillors Hussain, McNeely and Wootton (Ward No. 2 (Boston Castle))

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Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism, Councillor Rushforth – (Chair)  
Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development, Councillor Smith  
Senior Adviser, Regeneration and Development, Councillor Clark  
Advisers, Culture and Tourism, Councillors Andrews and Wallis  
Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services, Councillor Lakin  
Cabinet Member for Cohesion (also Ward 2 Boston Castle), Councillor Hussain  
Ward Members from Ward No. 2 (Boston Castle) and Ward No. 12 (Rotherham East)  
– Councillors Ali, Dodson, Wallis, McNeely and Wootton

**ROTHERHAM LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK MEMBERS' STEERING GROUP**

Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism, Councillor Rushforth