

CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM

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

Date: Tuesday, 9th July, 2013

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. Apologies for absence.
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th June, 2013 (Pages 1 - 4)
6. Representatives of the Council on Outside Bodies and membership of Panels/Sub Groups for the 2013/14 Municipal Year. (Pages 5 - 7)
7. Bowling Green Budget Savings - post consultation (Pages 8 - 14)
 - Urban and Green Spaces Manager, Leisure and Green Spaces, Environment and Development Services, to report.
8. Herringthorpe Stadium Budget Savings- post consultation. (Pages 15 - 22)
 - Urban and Green Spaces Manager, Leisure and Green Spaces, Environment and Development Services, to report.
9. Communications update.
 - Head of Corporate Communications and Marketing, Chief Executive's Directorate, to report.

The Cabinet Member authorised consideration of the following item received after the deadline in order to progress the matters referred to: -

10. Receipt of petitions in relation to Bowling Green Maintenance.

- Petition requesting that the Council continues maintenance of one Green at Barkers' Park until the end of September, 2013.
- Petition requesting that the Council continues maintenance of one Green at Greasbrough Park until the end of September, 2013.

11. Date and time of the next meeting: -

- Tuesday 17th September, 2013, to start at 10.00 a.m. in the Rotherham Town Hall.

CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
4th June, 2013

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

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Dalton.

F1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest to record.

F2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 23RD APRIL, 2013.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism held on 23rd April, 2013, were considered.

Resolved: - That the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as an accurate record for signature by the Cabinet Member.

F3. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE.

Councillor A. Rushforth, Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism, introduced the Transportation Planner (Transportation and Highways Design, Environment and Development Services) who had been invited to attend the meeting to provide an update on the efforts of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council to capitalise on the Grand Depart of the Tour de France to be held in Yorkshire in July, 2014. Consideration was being given to how the local area could maximise the benefits and the opportunities provided to the local population.

The Tour de France was the third largest sporting event in the world and was expected to be watched/followed by three and a half billion spectators globally. An estimated two to three million road-side spectators were expected across Yorkshire, bringing a boost of £100 million to local economies.

A wide-range of existing projects were being undertaken to promote the benefits of cycling to residents across the Borough as means of sustainable transport to access employment, education, retail and leisure opportunities.

It was hoped that existing projects would benefit from the spotlight of the Tour de France, and that the close proximity to the Grand Depart would encourage people of all ages to try cycling for the first time, or to increase the amount of journeys they made by bike.

The Council was leading a number of projects related to cycling issues: -

- **Bikeability Cycle Training: -**
 - Aimed at Year 5 and 6 pupils across the Borough. Two-thousand children had taken part in these opportunities in the last two years.
- **Adult and Family Cycle Training: -**
 - Over three hundred adults or families in Rotherham had received cycle training in 2012 to give them confidence and ability when cycling on the road.
- **Try Cycling to Work Bike Leasing Project: -**
 - This project included the free loan of a quality bike and commuter equipment to enable people to try cycling to work over a four-week period. There was the option to buy the bike at the end of the challenge.
 - The scheme also included: free cycle training, free bike maintenance support, an online diary to record miles ridden and carbon emissions saved, online and telephone support.

A number of businesses and organisations had taken part in this project.

- **Cycle Shelters: -**
 - Cycle shelters were being introduced in a number of schools and businesses in Rotherham to encourage cycling to work and school by providing secure and sheltered bike storage.
- **Bike It!: -**
 - Project aimed at school children to encourage them to cycle to school, learn about bike safety and to develop their cycling skills.
- **Cycle Routes: -**
 - Improvement of a number of cycle routes in the Borough, including an off-road route between Rotherham town Centre and Sheffield; improvements between Rotherham and Rawmarsh and a route between Swinton and Manvers.
- Improvements were being planned to the already popular cycling facilities and equipment facilities available at Rother Valley Country Park;
- Welcome to Yorkshire was facilitating an all sector event on 5th June, 2013, to help sectors and businesses capitalise on the tourism and economic benefits of the Tour de France.

National funding allocations were confirmed until March, 2015. It was hoped that after this time funding would continue to be available for sustainable transport forms such as cycling and walking as they related to Government priority areas.

The Cabinet Member was encouraged by the wide-range of activities being undertaken to encourage people to try cycling and to support them to cycle more and asked whether the existing resources had capacity to support an increase in demand and interest following the 2014 Tour de France. The Transportation Planner confirmed that there should be capacity and resources to support an increase in interest.

Resolved: - That the information provided in relation to maximising the legacy of the 2014 Tour de France on local cycling opportunities be noted.

F4. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC.

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 exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended 2006 – information relates to finance and business affairs).

F5. CLIFTON PARK WATERPLAY REPAIR PROCUREMENT.

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Leisure and Green Spaces Manager (Streetpride, Environment and Development Services) that outlined a request to exempt a contract from Standing Order 48.1 (the requirement to invite between three and six external tenders for contracts with estimated values of £50,000 or more). The contract related to essential repairs required to the water play facility at Clifton Park.

Minute No. F26 of the Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism held on 19th December, 2012 (Clifton Park: - Waterplay Repair Procurement) gave authorisation to charge Ustigate Waterplay Ltd. to undertake inspections on the water play equipment used in Clifton Park to determine repair works required through investigation and detailed design works. There had been on-going issues since the original instillation of the equipment in 2009.

The Leisure and Green Spaces Manager confirmed that this had been completed and Ustigate Waterplay Ltd. had reported on the outcomes of their investigations. A number of issues required modifications to be undertaken relating to the equipment's infrastructure and water treatment facilities. It was proposed that this be completed as Phase One of the work and would allow partial operation over the peak-demand summer period during 2013.

The second Phase of the work would be undertaken during the quieter winter period, and would allow the complete system to be operational from summer, 2014.

The quote that had been provided by Ustigate Waterplay Ltd. for Phase One of the works was £122, 697. The report noted that the costing of Phase One could be met from the capital budget and also noted that, should the budget not be sufficient to cover this, there were prudential contingencies in place which could be offset against expected future income.

Following the completion of works for Phase One, a decision would be made on whether to progress the works under Phase Two of the project.

Due diligence had been undertaken to ensure that Ustigate Waterplay Ltd. were the best company, including benchmarking their costs and receiving positive feedback from other companies that had used them.

Resolved: - That exemption from Standing Order 48.1 (the requirement to invite between three and six external tenders for contracts with estimated values of £50,000 or more) be approved and the contract for repairs to the water play facility at Clifton Park be awarded to Ustigate Waterplay Ltd.

(Subsequent to the meeting, His Worshipful the Mayor exempted this decision from the call-in procedure.)

F6. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING: -

Resolved: - That the next meeting of the Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism be held on Tuesday 9th July, 2013, to start at 10.00 a.m. in the Rotherham Town Hall.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism
2.	Date:	9th July, 2013
3.	Title:	Appointments to Outside Bodies/Memberships of sub-groups/panels etc – 2013-2014 Municipal Year
4.	Directorate:	Chief Executive’s Directorate

5. Summary

The purpose of this report is to consider appointments to outside bodies and membership of sub-groups/panels etc for the 2013-2014 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 2013-2014**

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,
Culture and Tourism.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ARCHIVES
Councillors Rushforth, Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism, and Dalton,
Adviser, Culture and Tourism, 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. – 2013/2014 MUNICIPAL YEAR

ROTHERHAM LOCAL PLAN MEMBERS’ STEERING GROUP

Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism, Councillor Rushforth

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Culture & Tourism
2.	Date:	9th July, 2013
3.	Title:	Bowling Green Budget Savings - Post Consultation
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

This report outlines the results of consultation on proposals to withdraw maintenance from all RMBC operated bowling greens except four in Clifton Park and seeks approval to implement proposals that have been adjusted following analysis of the consultation.

6. Recommendations

6.1 That Cabinet Member approves the cessation of maintenance of two RMBC operated bowling greens at Bradgate Park from 16th July 2013.

6.2 That Cabinet Member approves the transfer of bowling greens to community groups in accordance with the Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy as follows:

- **Two greens at Barkers Park to Barkers Park Bowling Club.**
- **Two greens at Valley Park to Valley Park Combined Bowling Club Ltd.**
- **One Green at Greasbrough Park to Greasbrough Bowling Club.**
- **One Green at Coronation Park to Maltby Town Council.**

6.3 That maintenance of greens continues at those sites to be transferred until the transfer can be made or the end of September (whichever is earlier).

7. Proposals and Details

Agreed budget savings for EDS for financial period 2013/14 include a reduction in the number of crown green bowling greens that RMBC maintain and operate within urban parks. This is necessary to achieve budget savings target of £30,000 per year.

At the meeting on 6th February 2013, Cabinet member considered a report on the proposed cessation of maintenance to council owned bowling greens and resolved that invitations be issued to bowling clubs and/or other suitable and interested

parties to express an interest in taking over the responsibility for maintenance of affected greens at their own expense.

To date firm expressions of interest have been made by a number of clubs as highlighted in paragraph 6.2 above, but clubs may still make an expression of interest after confirmation of the greens where RMBC will no longer provide maintenance through the Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy.

Consultation was carried out over a 13 week period starting 17th February 2013 in accordance with the Council's standard consultation framework. The consultation included:

- Letters to bowling club secretaries informing them of the proposals and inviting them to comment
- Letters and other contacts with South Yorkshire County Crown Green Bowling Association and league co-ordinators.
- Attendance at a number of meetings arranged by Clubs and others to discuss the proposals
- Discussions with people with personal knowledge of bowling greens and their use
- Discussions with Ward Members in affected wards
- Press coverage

A summary of comments received is presented in Appendix 1. This also includes Leisure and Green Spaces' response and recommendations.

Summary of main issues

- Respondents identified that cessation of maintenance leading to closure of greens would impact on users who would suffer a loss of service.
- If groups took responsibility for maintaining greens what who would be responsible for the associated pavilions?
- The timing of the proposals has not given enough time to interested clubs to organise themselves but handover at the end of the bowls season in September would be preferred.
- At five out of the six affected sites there are groups with the will to operate the greens themselves.

8. Finance

The savings target from the cessation of maintenance of selected bowling greens is £30,000 per annum starting in 2013/14. However, this figure is not achievable in 2013/14 from reduced greens maintenance costs as greens had to be prepared and operated during the consultation period and will in most cases continue to be maintained until handover. This will cause additional financial pressures within this financial year for the period of maintenance to the end of May which has cost £6,623, with further costs of £10,863 to maintain to the end of the bowls season should it take until then to arrange transfer to community groups. If the

recommendations in this report are agreed the budget pressure created will be £17,486 in 2013/14.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The consultation has confirmed the public concern at losing bowling greens as many greens historically have teams associated with them and, for a small number of residents, they form a social hub.

The cessation of operating bowling greens makes the employment of seasonal games attendants unsustainable as the majority of their costs was offset against bowls income and this will have a knock on effect with parks tennis courts as bowls attendants will no longer be available to manage these alongside the greens. New ways of working will need to be agreed for these facilities.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The consultation exercise has been undertaken in accordance with the Council's corporate policy. The reduction in bowling green maintenance is proposed to help meet the significant budget challenges faced by the Council.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Officers in Financial Services have been consulted.

Letter and Emails responses and Petition in response to consultation on proposals are available.

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Appendix 1 - Consultation Responses

No.	Remarks Received (abridged)	Method	Consultee	Response	Recommendation
1.	The cost of managing pavilions is likely to prevent self maintenance of greens.	Meetings	Various	No saving has been identified from reducing building stock in parks. It has been agreed that RMBC will continue to maintain buildings for at least another year.	RMBC continue to maintain and operate pavilions. This to be reviewed on an annual basis.
2.	Why keep four greens at Clifton Park at expense of others?	Emails, Letters & Telephone	Various	RMBC entered into an agreement with the Heritage Lottery Fund to improve maintenance at Clifton Park as part of its recent grant condition. The on site management of Clifton Park is also more efficient than at other sites making any saving less desirable.	That four greens remain available at Clifton Park operated by RMBC.
3	Anti social behaviour will increase in parks due to less people around during the day.	Letters	Rotherham Combined Crown Green Bowls Association (RCCGBA) and South Yorks County Crown Green Bowls Assoc. (SYCCGBA)	Whilst it is not possible to determine any future level of anti social behaviour, recent experience at Rosehill Park and Boston Park does not suggest a significant problem.	None

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4	The timing of the proposals to cease maintenance is too short notice to allow clubs time to consider their position.	Letter	RCCGBA	Most clubs have been able to work to the timescale to agree a way forward. It is noted that further time may be required to complete transfer agreements.	Continue maintenance to September or date of transfer whichever is earlier.
5	Not enough council commitment to older people's leisure.	Letter	RCCGBA + one individual	It was pointed out to RCCGBA in a written response that the Council continues to provide a number of other opportunities for older peoples leisure activities.	None
6	Why are RMBC's greens maintenance costs greater than those quoted by independents?	Meetings	Various	RMBC grounds maintenance managers have not had sight of the detail in all alternative quotes. However it has been noted that when quotes have been compared they are not comparable in scope.	None
7	Barkers Park Bowls Club are prepared to maintain the greens at Barkers Park themselves.	Email	Secretary Barkers Park Bowls Club	This can be considered with reference to the Councils Community Asset Transfer Policy.	That Cabinet Member approves the transfer of bowling greens to community groups in accordance with the Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy.
8	Barkers Park Bowls Club wish to re introduce a putting green on a lawn between the	Email	Secretary Barkers Park Bowls Club	This can be considered with reference to the Councils Community Asset Transfer	That Cabinet Member approves the transfer of bowling greens to

No.	Remarks Received (abridged)	Method	Consultee	Response	Recommendation
	bowling greens.			Policy.	community groups in accordance with the Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy.
9	Greasbrough Park Bowls Club are prepared to maintain the green at Greasbrough Park themselves.	Email	Secretary Greasbrough Park Bowls Club	This can be considered with reference to the Councils Community Asset Transfer Policy.	That Cabinet Member approves the transfer of bowling greens to community groups in accordance with the Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy.
10	Maltby Town Council are prepared to maintain one green at Coronation Park themselves.	Emails	Maltby Town Council	This can be considered with reference to the Councils Community Asset Transfer Policy.	That Cabinet Member approves the transfer of bowling greens to community groups in accordance with the Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy.
11	Can RMBC guarantee all leagues will have access to greens at Clifton Park should these be the only greens available?	Email	Secretary Stag Bowling Club	RMBC would continue to work with all interested parties wishing to make use of our facilities.	None
12	Unlikely to continue as membership has dwindled.	Email	Secretary Bradgate Bowls Club	Noted	None
13	Spartans BC (formerly Bradgate users) moved to a private green at Roundwood.	Telephone	Secretary Bradgate Bowls Club	Noted	None
14	Request to consider maintaining bowling until the	Letter	Sarah Champion MP	Noted	That maintenance of greens continues at those

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	end of the current season.				sites to be transferred until the transfer can be made or the end of September (whichever is earlier).
15	Request for a policy to give priority green use to Rotherham leagues.	Emails	League Co-ordinator	RMBC would continue to work with all interested parties wishing to make use of our facilities.	None
16	Exercise from bowling saves money for NHS, provides a community focus and social wellbeing.	Letter	SYCCGBA	Noted	None
17	Request for £2,000 to £3,000 per bowling club in sponsorship per year from RMBC.	Letter	SYCCGBA	Providing this funding would create a new budget pressure.	None
18	Requests RMBC apply for Lottery Parks for People funding to continue maintenance of bowling greens.	Emails	League Co-ordinator	This funding cannot be used for general park maintenance.	None
19	Valley Park Bowls Club are prepared to maintain the greens at Valley Park themselves.	Meeting	Secretary Valley Park Bowls Club	This can be considered with reference to the Councils Community Asset Transfer Policy.	That Cabinet Member approves the transfer of bowling greens to community groups in accordance with the Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Culture & Tourism
2.	Date:	9th July 2013
3.	Title:	Herringthorpe Stadium Budget Savings- Post Consultation
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

This report outlines the results of consultation on the proposal to withdraw £60,000 of funding from Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium.

6. Recommendations

6.1 That Cabinet Member notes the outcomes of the consultation period

6.2 That Cabinet Member approves the continued operation of Herringthorpe Stadium by the Council at peak times only for a 12 month trial period and that a report is brought back to the Cabinet Member at the end of the trial period or sooner should the operation prove to be unmanageable within the agreed budget.

7. Proposals and Details

Agreed budget savings for EDS for financial period 2013/14 include a reduction in the funding allocated to Herringthorpe Stadium to achieve budget savings of £60,000 per year. It was proposed that this could be achieved by ceasing operation of the Stadium and seeking to enter into an agreement with interested parties to keep it open through a licence agreement.

Consultation and communication on this proposal was carried out over a 12 week period starting 27th February 2013 in accordance with the Council's standard consultation framework. This included:-

- Letters to all organisations who had placed a booking over the past year informing them of the proposals and inviting them to comment
- Meetings with Rotherham Harriers Athletics Club, Rotherham FA Grounds Committee, The Hare and Hounds FC
- Letter forwarded by email onto local Sunday football league contacts
- Letter forwarded by Rotherham South Area Assembly Team to Area Assembly mailing list
- Discussions with people who asked about the proposals and provision of information via the letters on display on the 3 notice boards at Herringthorpe Stadium
- Discussions with Ward Members and Rotherham South Area Assembly Staff
- Press coverage

The consultation feedback is presented in Appendix 1

The consultation invited individuals and organisations to comment on the proposals including any amendments that would allow the required savings to be made whilst reducing the impact on users. It was also stated that if any organisation should like to maintain their access to the stadium via a licence agreement then the Council would be pleased to meet and discuss this.

Summary of main issues raised by consultees:

- Respondents identified that cessation of staffing leading to closure of Herringthorpe Stadium would impact on users who would suffer a loss of service.
- If an outside body were to take responsibility for maintaining part of the facility alongside continued occupation by the Sports Development officers, how would the Stadium running costs be divided between the two parties?
- A number of organisations have expressed interest in continued access to the stadium playing pitch through a license agreement.
- The Rotherham Harriers Athletics Club would be interested in operating the Stadium for their own use under a licence agreement, although the Council's proposed timescale for closing the Stadium would not allow sufficient time for

the club to organise themselves to do this. Therefore a phased approach over a longer period would be preferred.

As well as consulting with external stakeholders, Leisure and Community Services staff were also consulted and a proposal has been put forward for continued operation of the stadium by the Council that could still deliver the required savings.

The proposal is to operate the stadium based on a significant reduction in opening hours to concentrate on peak times only, where running costs could be covered by predicted income, subject to a review of certain fees and charges. Operation would be restricted to Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5pm to 9pm, and Saturday from 9am to 12pm. Additional bookings outside these hours would only be accepted if income covers expenditure. The stadium will be staffed through appointing band B attendants in line with existing Green Spaces practice on part-time contracts with a view to offering extra hours for additional bookings.

Other possibilities put forward by staff included a variation of the above proposal to include a license agreement with Rotherham Harriers and the possibility of a central mechanism for booking the playing pitch inside the running track, both of which could be explored as part of the initial proposal.

The proposal would allow use by a wider range of organisations and individuals but it does represent a higher risk to the Council as it is dependent on achieving the predicted income targets.

It is therefore proposed that the Council continues to operate the Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium at peak times only for a 12 month trial period and that a report is taken back to the Cabinet Member at the end of the trial period or sooner should the operation prove to be unmanageable within the agreed budget.

8. Finance

The option for the Council to continue to operate the stadium at peak times has been costed and the projected income and expenditure is identified as follows:-

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>£47,360</u>
<u>Income</u>	<u>-£27,390</u>
<u>Net cost</u>	<u>£19,970</u>

The Net cost can be covered by remaining budgetary provision for the Stadium.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The viability of this proposal depends on income from customers. There is a risk that predicted income levels may not be achieved due to:

- Adverse weather conditions during winter months
- Reductions in demand

- Rotherham Harriers Athletics Club not agreeing to their fee contribution

Estimated costs of utility bills are based on current consumption and tariffs. These may be subject to change.

However income may be higher than projected as ad- hoc casual use and school events have not been factored into the forecast.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The consultation exercise has been undertaken in accordance with the Council's corporate policy. The reduction in budget at the Athletics stadium is proposed to help meet the significant budget challenges faced by the Council.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Officers in Financial Services have been consulted.

Letter and Emails responses to consultation on proposals are available.

Full budget breakdown on request

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Appendix 1 - Consultation Responses

No.	Remarks Received (abridged)	Method	Consultee	Response	Recommendation
1.	Rotherham Harriers Athletics Club would like to seek a licence for operation of the stadium for club and potential ad- hoc school use. This would be based on opening on their Monday and Wednesday club evenings as well as school use and special events. Identification of a possible link with a Football team.	Meetings/ emails	Steve Gaines, Kevin Thomas, Steve Cotter	Based on evidence supplied by the club and our existing knowledge of their organisation and capacity, we conclude that this is a realistic option. However, this would not be the preferred option in the event that RMBC continue to operate the Stadium, as the Harriers would then be able to continue using it on the current basis.	In the event that continued operation of the Stadium by RMBC is not possible, then negotiations with the Harriers should continue to enable a licence to be agreed.
2.	Rotherham Sunday Football League would like to explore the option of a licence for the stadium to continue to provide football activity to various clubs across the borough	Email	Pam Gabbitas	It is not known whether this would be a viable option as there is no evidence of this body's capacity to manage a facility like this.	Do not pursue this option. Should RMBC continue to offer the pitch for hire then clubs' need could be met.
3	AFP Sunday league football team have expressed an interest in holding a licence for the football pitch in order to play their home matches	Email	Malcolm Gabbitas	It is not known whether this would be a viable option as there is no evidence of this body's capacity to manage a facility like this.	Do not pursue this option. Should RMBC continue to offer the pitch for hire then clubs' need could be met
4	The Hare And Hounds Saturday football Team have expressed an interest to hold a licence for the football pitch in order to play their home matches	Email. meeting	Craig Holland	It is not known whether this would be a viable option as there is no evidence of this body's capacity to manage a facility like this.	Do not pursue this option. Should RMBC continue to offer the pitch for hire then clubs' need could be met
5	Steel City Girls FC have expressed an interest in obtaining a Licence for operation	Email, phone call	Ian Smith	It is not known whether this would be a viable option as there is no evidence of this	Do not pursue this option. Should RMBC continue to offer the pitch for hire then

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	of the facility on Sundays incorporating any other potential users on that day			body's capacity to manage a facility like this.	clubs' need could be met
6	Rotherham Titan's Rugby Club have expressed an interest to hire the facility for training on the main pitch Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday every week from 20 June 2013 to end April 2014. 2-4pm or 1-3pm depending on floodlights	Email	John Lewis	In the event that RMBC continues to operate the entire Stadium or just the pitch, then consideration would be given to this request alongside other customer's requirements	Consider request if RMBC continues to operate Stadium or pitch
7	Suggestion that the centre pitch could be hired out 5 days a week split into 4 pitches with flood lights @ £35.00 per pitch = £140.00 per hour this can be used by football teams training also mini leagues.	Email	Nigel Woodburn	This activity already takes place at the stadium on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. It is not possible to offer any further training due to wear and tear on the pitch. This option would not be viable as it would adversely affect income generation.	Do not pursue.
8	Concern about impact of closure on Year 1 and 2 children who previously had no knowledge or experience of sports other than football, cricket and boxing. With current concerns about obesity and lack of exercise amongst young children, closure would be a serious loss. The Stadium is an affordable, accessible and inspiring facility for pupils at the school.	Email	Diane Harris (Broom Valley School)	Noted.	None

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9	<p>Concern about future of Athletics in Rotherham without suitable training space.</p> <p>Proposed saving insignificant compared to total RMBC budget. The government have just committed £150million to schools sport and new coaches are going to be looking to move children through schools to club sport. Alternative athletics facilities would be inaccessible to many children and their parents.</p>	Email	Jonathan Allen (Sitwell School)	Noted	None
10	<p>Herringthorpe Stadium is a well presented facility and the staff are efficient and helpful. To lose this facility is not only detrimental to Rotherham athletes but to all South Yorkshire athletes.</p> <p>Proposal does not encompass the legacy of the 2012 Olympics and the need to provide facilities for people to take part in sport. Rotherham Harriers (a flourishing club), school children, Athletes competing in the South Yorkshire track and Field League and many more would all suffer.</p> <p>Many people think this proposal should not go ahead</p>	Email	Jeanette Tomlinson (SY Athletics Network)	Noted	None

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11	Dissatisfaction at the closure of the stadium, querying budget saving rationale and consultation process.	Letter	Mr. Whyke	Rationale for proposal has been explained in separate correspondence.	None.
12	Dissatisfaction at closure of the stadium and concerns over losing current stadium staff who are very good. Suggested finding savings elsewhere in Sports Development. Concern over volunteer led opening. Retain Pete Hazzard. Opportunities may arise from closure of Don valley Stadium.	Letter	Frank Plunkett	Noted. Members have considered alternatives and concluded that savings need to be found at Stadium.	None
13	Opposes the closure of the Stadium. The school uses the facility for annual sports day due to its high standard and lack of field at school. If this event cannot be held it will have a huge impact on the celebration of PE and sport particularly following Olympics. Supports retention of access to the Stadium in any form for the benefit of the local community and aspiring athletes. The Stadium will moth ball if closed. Offered assistance with any future proposals.	Email	Kieran Loftus (head of PE Clifton School)	Noted	None