

Special Meeting of OSC

Agenda Item No.

2A

Scrutiny “to consider the future of Cuffley Camp outdoor centre”

Programme

Time*	Item	Officers
14.00	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Statement by Head of Scrutiny</p>	<p>David Andrews Chairman of Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC)</p> <p>Natalie Rotherham Head of Scrutiny</p>
14.15	<p>Statement from the lead member of those who have called-in the decision made by Cabinet 13 November 2018</p> <p>1. Failure to by Cabinet to adequately consider the year by year usage and financial deficits data to enable full and proper consideration of the impact.</p> <p>2. Failure by Cabinet to consider how the current running deficit — which was £31,467 in 2016-17 could be addressed in future years to ensure a break even position.</p> <p>3. Failure to provide to the Cabinet the full details of the availability on a month by month basis of alternative outdoor centres and their availability to meet the expected needs of Cuffley Camp users which in 2016/17 numbered 8203.</p> <p>4. Failure to provide any explanations as to why the lease and the covenanted investment amounts totalling just short of £300,000 had not been made to GHG [Gascoyne Holdings Limited] despite this being known to certain members and officers by early 2016.</p> <p>5. Failure to consider the effect on the 5 permanent staff members on the termination of the lease and the effect on their “required to reside” status meaning that premises occupied by them would have to be vacated on termination.</p> <p>6. Cabinet incorrectly placed an emphasis on the statement in paragraph 4.15 that wrongly stated a “noticeable decline in bookings” when the decline is just 11% (thus not noticeable) for the period 2011 to</p>	<p>Stephen Giles-Medhurst Leader of the Liberal-Democrat Group</p>

	<p>2017 or that the percentage of individuals attending in the first six months had increased in 2016/17 compared to both 2014 to 2016 years and 2011 to 2012 years.</p> <p>7. That Cabinet did not give any due consideration to the statement "more likely to have a negative differential impact for children given that 97% of users from schools. 82% of users are from primary schools." And that Cabinet gave un-due weight to the financial issues and did not adequately consider the differential impact.</p> <p>8. Failure of Cabinet to consider an option to maintain the lease until the freeholders of the site had secured an alternative long-term outdoor use for young people.</p>	
14.45	<p>The Overview & Scrutiny Chairman to ask for a response by the Executive Members to the points raised in the Call-In Notice</p>	<p>David Andrews Chairman of Overview & Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>David Williams Executive Member for Resources, Property & the Economy</p> <p>Teresa Heritage Executive Member for Children's Services</p> <p>[Owen Mapley Director of Resources]</p> <p>[Jenny Coles Director of Children's Services]</p>
15.15	<p>The Overview & Scrutiny Chairman to open questioning to members of the OSC and points of clarification</p>	<p>Members of OSC</p>
15.45	<p>Debate and decision</p>	<p>Members</p>
16:15	<p>Close</p>	