

LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
26 FEBRUARY 2015**

Members Present: Derrick Ashley (Chairman) Chris Kennedy (Sub for John Bevan)
Heather Johnson
Alan Searing

Apologies Received From: John Bevan, Valerie Metcalfe, Paul Osborn

In Attendance: David Andrews, Graham McAndrew

Officers Present: Vivien Blacker - Corporate Director of Parklands & Venues
Beryl Foster - Assistant Director of Legal & Property
Simon Sheldon - Director of Finance & Resources
Brian Daley - Assistant Director of Parklands & Venues
Dan Buck - Head of Sport & Leisure
Stephen Roberts - Head of Property Services
Stephen Wilkinson - Head of Planning & Strategic Partnerships
Sandra Bertschin - Committee & Members' Services Manager

Part I

607 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

608 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 22 January and 29 January 2015 be approved and signed.

609 PUBLIC SPEAKING

No requests from the public to speak or present petitions had been received for this meeting.

610 EUROPEAN HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015 AT LEE VALLEY Paper E/395/15
HOCKEY AND TENNIS CENTRE

The report was introduced by Vivien Blacker, Corporate Director of Parklands & Venues, advising that:

- the original funding level had been approved prior to detailed financial planning following operation of the venue; and
- a strategy/policy was being developed for supporting future international large scale events at Authority venues.

Members highlighted the need to maximise spectator secondary spend, such as through catering, at events.

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- (1) the recommendation in paragraph 13 of Paper E/395/15 to supply the event with an additional £25,000 of value in kind and £10,000 cash support was approved.**

611 REVENUE BUDGET 2014/15 PERFORMANCE MONITORING Paper E/397/14

The report was introduced by Simon Sheldon, Director of Finance & Resources, advising that it was anticipated the business rates on the Lee Valley VeloPark would be in line with budget provisions.

Members requested further information on budget projections for the farms and difficulties in recruiting to the Project Officer post in Asset Management, Protection & Development.

- (1) the carry forward of £30,000 for phase 3 of the Ice Centre feasibility study as set out in paragraph 19 of Paper E/397/15 was approved; and**
- (2) the report was noted.**

612 CAPITAL PROGRAMME BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15 Paper E/393/14

The report was introduced by Simon Sheldon, Director of Finance & Resources.

- (1) the report was noted.**

613 OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman provided Members with an update on some recent events.

- Walking Tour for Stella Creasy MP and local residents with an interest in Lee Valley Ice Centre and Leyton Marsh

Stella Creasy agreed to pursue 2 issues on behalf of the Authority following receipt of a formal request from the Authority:

- Moorings issues with Canal & River Trust; and
- Area of land owned by Network Rail which we would like to manage.

She also requested to be kept informed of activities in the local area and plans for the Lee Valley Ice Centre.

- Meeting with ESSA Water Activities Centre hosted by Robert Halfon MP

It was agreed to consider ESSA's request for an extension to the term of their lease to enable them to have more security of tenure to be able to bid for funding to improve their facilities.

- Meeting with Lea Valley Growers Association hosted by Robert Halfon MP

The Association consider that horticulture is a Park Act compliant activity and therefore seek the Authority's support for expansion of glasshouse sites within the Park to ensure the long term future of local growers. Consultation on Park Development Framework

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draft proposals for areas 6, 7 & 8 had given rise to high levels of concern regarding the use of the Authority's compulsory purchase powers.

The Authority accepted that wording used in the draft area proposals could have been clearer, but reiterated the Authority's duty under the Park Act was to return redundant land, not land occupied by viable businesses, to Park use. The Chairman has agreed to meet with the Association again following determination of the ongoing Judicial Review of Epping Forest District Council's issue of planning permission to Valley Grown Nurseries.

- Email from Lea Valley Growers Association dated 24 February 2015

It was advised that the request for information would be dealt with under the Authority's Freedom of Information provisions and the Chairman advised that the response would be approved by him prior to despatch.

614 EXEMPT ITEMS

THAT based on the principles of Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the items of business below on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information again on the principles as defined in those sections of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act indicated:

Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Information Section Number
10	Lee Valley VeloPark Proposed Letting of Treatment Rooms	3
11	Odeon Cinema, Picketts Lock – Proposed Assignment and Deed of Variation	3

615 LEE VALLEY VELOPARK PROPOSED LETTING OF TREATMENT ROOMS Paper E/394/14

The report was introduced by Beryl Foster, Assistant Director of Legal & Property Services.

- (1) **the proposed letting to Health Consultants Incorporated Limited on the terms outlined in paragraph 3 of Paper E/394/15, with delegation to the Assistant Director of Legal and Property Services to complete the detail of the lease;**
- (2) **the Authority to apply for Secretary of State approval to enter into the lease; and**
- (3) **the signing and sealing of any necessary legal documentation in accordance with Standing Orders was approved.**

616 ODEON CINEMA, PICKETTS LOCK – PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT AND DEED OF VARIATION Paper E/396/14

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- (1) the assignment of the lease from LMP Lee Valley Ltd to LMP Green Park Cinemas Ltd, together with the variation of out-dated default and forfeiture provisions contained within the head lease; and
- (2) that the Deed formalising consent be executed in accordance with the Authority's Standing Orders was approved.

Chairman

Date

The meeting started at 11.02am and ended at 11.45am.