

LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 22 OCTOBER 2015

Members Present: Paul Osborn (Chairman) Ricki Gadsby
John Bevan Alan Searing

Apologies Received From: Derrick Ashley, Heather Johnson, Chris Kennedy, Valerie Metcalfe

In Attendance: Malcolm Cowan, Gordon Nicholson, Mary Sartin, Syd Stavrou

Officers Present: Shaun Dawson - Chief Executive
Beryl Foster - Director of Corporate Services
Simon Sheldon - Director of Finance & Resources
Stephen Wilkinson - Head of Planning & Strategic Planning
Stephen Roberts - Head of Property Services
Dan Buck - Head of Sport & Leisure
Jon Carney - Head of Parklands
Alice Twomey - Solicitor
Bill Moran - Lee Valley Leisure Trust (part 1 only)
Sandra Bertschin - Committee & Members' Services Manager

Also Present: Andrew Coates - Chief Executive, Royal Gunpowder Mills
Paul Sutton - Planning Consultant, Cheffins

Part I

As the meeting was inquorate, the Chairman took the information sharing presentation first. The meeting became quorate 5 minutes after the presentation began.

672 PROPOSED PGL DEVELOPMENT – ROYAL GUNPOWDER MILLS SITE

Andrew Coates, Chief Executive, Royal Gunpowder Mills, and Paul Sutton, Planning Consultant, Cheffins, gave a presentation about the proposed PGL development at the Royal Gunpowder Mills site, key points included:

- an annual subsidy from the Foundation Trust to the current visitor attraction was unsustainable and therefore a development opportunity to secure the future of the visitor attraction was required;
- the PGL proposal was compatible with recreational and green belt objectives;
- during the peak months of June, July, September and October there would be 15 bus departures and arrivals a day outside of peak hours;
- PGL would take on responsibility for 20 currently unused buildings on a fully repairing basis; and
- the development would benefit the local community, create 200 jobs and secure jobs at the current visitor attraction.

Officers considered the proposed development offered the opportunity to develop joint marketing initiatives with other recreational centres in the area.

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Members endorsed the idea of a bridge link to ease the flow of people between sites.

In response to Members, Andrew Coates advised that in the winter months PGL were considering using the site's educational buildings to teach English to foreign language students, but that access for those interested in historic buildings would be maintained.

673 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Name	Agenda Item No.	Nature of Interest	
John Bevan	-	Trustee of Lee Valley Leisure Trust	<i>Non-pecuniary</i>
Ricki Gadsby	5	Member of Essex County Council and Epping Forest District Council	<i>Non-pecuniary</i>
Syd Stavrou	5	Member of Epping Forest District Council and Waltham Abbey Town Council	<i>Non-pecuniary</i>
Mary Sartin	5	Member of Epping Forest District Council	<i>Non-pecuniary</i>
Gordon Nicholson	15	Member of Broxbourne Borough Council	<i>Non-pecuniary</i>

674 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2015 be approved and signed.

675 PUBLIC SPEAKING

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

676 CAPITAL PROGRAMME BUDGET MONITORING 2015/16 - QUARTER 2 Paper E/416/15

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

(1) the report was noted.

677 REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16 PERFORMANCE MONITORING Paper E/421/15

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

In response to Member concerns about the delay in the outcome of rating appeals, it was advised that for Lee Valley White Water Centre a meeting with the Valuation Office was scheduled for 6 November, pending a possible Value Tribunal at the end of the month. However the rating appeal for Lee Valley VeloPark was ongoing with no date for an outcome.

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In response to a Member's interest in the expansion of the Visitors Centre Café it was advised that this would be considered along with proposals for other venues at the Fees & Charges Workshop.

- (1) the carry forward for Leyton Marsh as set out in paragraph 14 of Paper E/421/15 was approved; and**
- (2) the report was noted.**

678 2016/17 BUDGET – METHODOLOGY, ASSUMPTIONS AND TIMETABLE Paper E/418/15

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

- (1) the budget timetable for the 2016/17 budget process as set out in Appendix A to Paper E/418/15;**
- (2) the principles, assumptions and methodology for the 2016/17 revenue and capital budgets as set out in paragraphs 9 to 13 of Paper E/418/15; and**
- (3) the minimum general reserve level at £4 million was approved.**

679 PROPOSED CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16 (REVISED) TO 2019/20 Paper E/417/15

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

A Member remarked that the proposed capital programme was not ambitious enough and that it should include projects like a crane at the marina and dredging/gates at East India Dock Basin, as well as various other smaller projects such as weather shelter in River Lee Country Park. In response it was advised that the proposed programme was a planning document based on known and existing developments and included provision for small schemes for income generation. Following the establishment of the Lee Valley Leisure Trust, the Fees & Charges Workshop this year would also consider service delivery plans, including marketing and investment proposals, for each venue. Officers were in the early stages of investigating funding for East India Dock Basin with the Heritage Lottery Fund but this was a long term project which would take some years to progress.

- (1) the revised capital programme for 2015/16 (revised) to 2019/20 as set out in Appendix A to Paper E/417/15; and**
- (2) the proposed capital funding to meet the planned capital programme as set out in Table 2 (paragraph 15 of Paper E/417/15) was approved.**

680 BORROWING LIMITS & PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2015/16 (REVISED) – 2019/20 Paper E/419/15

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

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- (1) the borrowing limits and prudential indicators for 2015/16 (revised) to 2019/20 as set out in paragraphs 9 to 19 of Paper E/419/15 was approved.**

681 LEE VALLEY HOCKEY AND TENNIS CENTRE FUNDING AGREEMENTS Paper E/423/15

The report was introduced by Dan Buck, Head of Sport & Leisure, including:

- the proposed Sport England Lottery Funding Agreement was similar to those for the Lee Valley White Water Centre, Lee Valley VeloPark and Lee Valley Athletics Centre, with some clauses more favourable to the Authority;
- the proposed England Hockey agreement was predicated on previous agreements and formal acceptance by England Hockey was anticipated following verbal acceptance;
- the Authority had worked with Lee Valley Leisure Trust Limited on matters relating to the funding agreements.

- (1) entering into the Funding Agreements; and**
- (2) the signing and sealing of the documentation in due course in accordance with Standing Orders was approved.**

682 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
14	Grant of 7 Year Lease to Transport for London for a London Cycle Hire Docking Station at Lee Valley VeloPark	3
15	Britannia Nurseries – Update	3

683 GRANT OF A 7 YEAR LEASE TO TRANSPORT FOR LONDON FOR A LONDON CYCLE HIRE DOCKING STATION AT LEE VALLEY VELOPARK Paper E/420/15

The report was introduced by Beryl Foster, Director of Corporate Services.

Members warmly welcomed the establishment by Transport for London of a cycle hire docking station in the vicinity of Lee Valley VeloPark and hoped its success would lead to a docking station being located at the Lee Valley Hockey & Tennis Centre as well.

- (1) granting of the new 7 year lease (less one day) to Transport for London on the terms provisionally agreed between the parties; and**

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- (2) the signing and sealing of all necessary legal documentation after Trust approval has been received was approved.**

684 BRITANNIA NURSERIES – UPDATE

Paper E/422/15

The report was introduced by Stephen Wilkinson, Head of Planning & Strategic Partnerships, including:

- a letter of comfort from Broxbourne Borough Council regarding Section 106 monies had been received.

- (1) the Authority does not pursue an application to the High Court seeking permission to proceed with Judicial Review against the decision of the Borough of Broxbourne to grant outline planning permission for residential development at Britannia Nurseries, Waltham Cross, was approved.**

Chairman

Date

The meeting started inquorate at 10.45am, became quorate at 10.50am, and ended at 11.50am.