

**Extract from the Minutes of the Strategy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 19 October 2011**

66. MONKTON AND ISLAND PARKS

A joint report by the Clerk & Chief Executive and the Head of Support Services was presented (copy in Minute Book)

Members' Questions were taken to clarify aspects of the background to the report, and an assurance was given that at this stage only approval in principle was sought.

After careful consideration

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) Approval was given in principle to the acquisition of the Monkton and Island Parks by devolution from Wiltshire Council under the terms of the Community Asset Transfer Scheme.
- (ii) The Officers be authorised to enter into detailed negotiations with the aim of agreeing detailed proposals for funding on the basis of current policy and best practice, including in particular "Finance Follows Function".
- (iii) The negotiations be on the basis that any outstanding maintenance and structural works would be completed before devolution, and that any claims current on devolution would remain with Wiltshire Council for determination.
- (iv) Approval be given to incurring consultancy costs for a structural survey on the bridges and a Record of Condition of any buildings, provided these were financed from an existing budget.
- (v) The Clerk & Chief Executive, or Head of Support Services, be authorised to sign any forms to apply to the Area Board under the Community Assets Transfer Scheme, subject to the application making clear that there were served matters to be determined before final approval could be given.
- (vi) A report be presented to Strategy & Resources Committee on the proposed Heads of Terms for this devolution once all the issues identified in this report have been addressed.
- (vii) No binding contractual commitment be entered into without the further report referred to in (vi) above.