

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on Thursday 31st August 2006 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Monkton Park, Chippenham commencing at 7.00p.m.

Present: Councillor C. O’Gorman, Leader in the Chair

Councillors A. L. Davis, H. M. Dixon, S. K. Doubell, D. J. E. Evans, R. J. Henning, D. M. Moore, G. Offord and O. J. Thomas.

Non-Executive Councillors Present: Councillors S. Meadowcroft, S. Meadows, T. R. Sturgis and S. R. Walls

Officers Present: D. Burbidge (Chief Executive), D. Ashton (Interim Chief Accountant), L. Bell (Community & Environment Strategic Manager), H. Braid (Policy & Democratic Services Officer), A. Davies (Planning Services Strategic Manager), N. Fenwick (Customer Services Strategic Manager), M. Gilmour (Principal Community Partnerships Officer), P. Jeremiah (Legal Services Team Leader), W. Oulton (Policy & Democratic Services Officer), S. Pangbourne (Strategic Manager Corporate Services), S. Parker (Community Partnership Officer), C. Pescod (Development Control Team Leader) and Jo Stirling (Principal Housing Enabling Officer).

E31. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor P. G. Allnatt.

E52. Play Facilities Development and Management

Consideration was given to Report No.22 (circulated with the agenda) which addressed the issue of the devolution of and the immediate need to manage play facilities. The report provided options regarding the Council's policy and management of play facilities and recommended establishing a Play Space Strategy for the District.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- The proposals in respect of the play area adjacent to the former Malmesbury Outdoor Pool site were as a result of a Section 106 agreement with Westlea Housing Association.
- Clarification will be provided to Members as to the devolvement of public open spaces and Section 106 agreements.

Resolved

- (1) The Council's freehold interest in the play area adjacent to the former Malmesbury Outdoor Pool site be disposed of to Malmesbury Town Council for a consideration of £1.00, but otherwise subject to contract, which shall require the imposition of a covenant not to use the site for any purpose other than as a play area. The transfer to take effect on completion of the construction and laying out of the new



play area and to include the payment to the Town Council of the commuted sum of £7,000 for future maintenance of the play area

- (2) Further discussions with Parish or Town Councils on devolution or disposal of any other play areas and open spaces be continued.
- (3) Authority be delegated to the Assets, Design and Regeneration Manager to implement the upgrading and maintenance of play areas subject to the provision of budgetary limits in the Capital Planned Preventative Maintenance programme and revenue maintenance funds.
- (4) Authority be delegated to the Asset, Design and Regeneration Manager to establish and submit a play space strategy for the district and to engage with other stakeholders and in consultation with the Lead Member(s) on the submission of a grant application to the Big Lottery Fund.
- (6) A report be made back to the Executive in April 2007 on the actions taken

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and concluded at 7.50pm.

There were 2 members of the public present.