

**MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
CABINET
TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2016**

Held At 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Pavilion Road, West Bridgford

PRESENT:

Councillors J N Clarke (Chairman), R L Butler, J E Cottee, D J Mason,
S J Robinson

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor A MacInnes.

OFFICERS PRESENT:

A Graham	Chief Executive
R Caddy	Interim Service Manager – Finance and Commercial
P Horsfield	Monitoring Officer
P Linfield	Interim Executive Manager – Finance and Commercial
D Mitchell	Executive Manager - Communities
V Nightingale	Constitutional Services Officer
A Poole	Constitutional Services Team Leader

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors N C Lawrence

39. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

40. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8 December 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

41. Expansion to the Leisure Management Contract with Parkwood Leisure Ltd to include the Management of the New Arena

Councillor Cottee presented a report which outlined the proposal to extend the management contract with Parkwood Leisure Limited by a further three years. The contract would also include the new arrangements for the Arena site, which would open in 2017, and the closure of Rushcliffe Leisure Centre. He stated that there would be no redundancies as the staff from Rushcliffe Leisure Centre would transfer to the Arena site.

With regard to the closure of Rushcliffe Leisure Centre and the re-opening of the Arena site he stated that there would be a £32,000 saving in year one which would increase to £262,000 per annum in years two to nine, which equated to an overall saving of circa £2.25 million. He stated that these savings were expected from running a new purpose built facility with associated energy efficiencies and income generating opportunities. It was noted that all fixtures and fittings for the new gym and kitchen catering areas

would be purchased by Parkwood Leisure Ltd and then vested to the Council at the end of the Contract.

In support Councillor Clarke stated that he welcomed the proposal as this would enable the project to move forward.

RESOLVED that:

- a) The proposal put forward by Parkwood Leisure Ltd to establish a new contractual arrangement for the Council's leisure management contract covering the management of the new Rushcliffe Arena be accepted.
- b) A three year extension to the current leisure management contract with Parkwood Leisure Limited to August 2025 be agreed.
- c) The Chief Executive be authorised to agree the final details of the contract variation following discussion with both the Finance and Communities portfolio holders.

42. **Discretionary Rate Relief 2016/17**

Councillor Robinson presented a report which outlined the Council's revised Discretionary Rate Relief Policy. He stated that, in accordance with legislation, the Council could award relief to eligible National Non Domestic Ratepayers and that appendix one of the policy explained the various categories, including Small Business Rate Relief, Rural Rate Relief, etc.

With regard to Appendix 1 he informed Members that there were two minor amendments; in paragraph four the sentence 'On the 1 April 2016, the relief scheme will revert to a maximum 50% reduction.' will be replaced with 'From 1 April 2016 this is anticipated to remain but is subject to annual review as part of the Government's annual financial settlement with Councils.' The second amendment is that title 2 should read Empty Property Rate Relief.

The Policy explained the application process and that these would be determined by the Section 151 Officer in conjunction with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Finance.

Councillor Robinson felt that this policy would encourage economic development by assisting small businesses to move forward. However, he reminded Members that any relief would affect the Council's financial position.

Councillor Mason queried paragraph 4.2 of the report which related to the Authorities that would be affected, especially the Police. She was informed that although the Police was a precepting Authority it was funded by the Home Office.

RESOLVED that Cabinet approves the revised scheme for 2016/17-2018/19 as shown in Appendix A.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

CHAIRMAN