



Chichester City Council

## BUSINESS PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE Minutes

**Date** Tuesday 14 January 2025

**Time** 2.30pm – 4.17pm

**Location** Council Chamber, The Council House • North Street • Chichester • West Sussex • PO19 1LQ

**PRESENT:** Councillors Butler (AB), Chant (RC), C Gershater (CG), Loxton (SL), Miall (RMi), Quail (SQ) and Squire (KS)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor McHale (SMH), Town Clerk (TC), Deputy Town Clerk (DTC), Project Manager (PM), Communications, Civic and Council Support Officer (CCCSO) and Mr Andy Howard (Operations Manager at Chichester District Council - CDC).

### 38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Councillors Kondabeka and Hitchman.

Councillor Knight was absent from the meeting.

### 39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

None.

*At this point the Chairman took agenda items 5, 6 and 7.*

### 40. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

**RESOLVED** that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for agenda items 6 and 7 due to the nature of the business to be transacted, namely confidential business matters with third parties.

### 41. PLAYGROUNDS IN CHICHESTER

Mr Howard (Operations Manager at CDC) gave a presentation on the project to refresh the City Playgrounds. The current proposal was to refurbish 6 play areas across the city (excluding Florence Park which will just be updated with additional equipment), for a total budget of £814 K which had been agreed at CDC.

Kompan have been appointed to deliver the project and will now begin work on detailed designs for each of the areas, which will be informed by additional public consultation.

Members were advised that draft designs had been prepared within the CDC agreed budget, with additional options prepared for the sites if there was an additional investment of £400k from the City Council (CCC).

The sub-committee discussed the proposals with Mr Howard and considered if there were alternative options for play provision that could be considered within the CCC investment.

The sub-committee **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND** to the Extra Ordinary meeting of the City Council on 22 January 2025 that we investigate enhancing the play provision at Oaklands Park by investing an additional £75K in the play provision at that site to create a destination playground.

Additionally, the sub-committee **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND** to the Extra Ordinary meeting of the City Council on 22 January 2025 that the remaining £325K be allocated against the delivery of additional facilities within the City, with alternative play provision options to be investigated.

The sub-committee further **RESOLVED** to investigate the feasibility of delivering a pump track in the City in partnership with CDC.

#### 42. **CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE (CFT) NEST PROJECT**

KS proposed that the decision on the NEST be deferred to a later meeting. The proposal was not seconded and so did not move to a vote.

The sub-committee considered the NEST report and recommendations, including the report update and **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Extra Ordinary meeting of the City Council on 22 January 2025 that the £150K currently allocated for the provision of a bandstand be allocated instead to funding the NEST project subject to a satisfactory service level agreement being agreed with CFT.

*The Chair then opened the meeting to the public.*

The sub-committee considered the proposal to invest in new AliDeck staging that would be suitable for use by community groups for outdoor performances and within the Council House to replace the existing aging staging that is reaching the end of its useful life.

The sub-committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Finance Committee on 5 February 2025 that up to £20,000 of CIL funds be allocated to the purchase of pop-up staging to support performances across the City.

#### 43. **MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS PLAN WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2024**

The sub-committee **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Business Plan Working Group meeting held on 5 December 2024, which were duly signed as a correct record.

#### 44. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) OVERVIEW**

The Chair gave an overview of the status of the City Council's CIL allocation and CIL funded projects.

#### 45. **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- Street lighting
- City Centre Signage
- Community Centre

**46. DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING**

DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING: Tuesday 4 February 2025 at 9am in the Assembly Room

The meeting closed at 4.17pm.

**ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING**

<b>Minute ref.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Assigned to</b>
NA	Minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting to be sent to members of the Finance Committee to make them aware of the recommendations to Council.	Town Clerk