

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

3 December 2013

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7.00 pm – 7.55 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

Minutes

Membership:

Councillor June Cordwell (Chair)	P	Councillor Stephen Lydon	P
Councillor Karon Cross (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor John Marjoram	A
Councillor Rowland Blackwell	P	Councillor Russell Miles	A
Councillor Tim Boxall	A	Councillor Nigel Prenter	P
Councillor Miranda Clifton	A	Councillor Paul Smith	A
Councillor John Jones	P	Councillor Penny Wride	P

P = Present A = Absent

Officers Present:

Strategic Head of Customer Services	Accountancy Manager
General Manager, Dursley Pool	Community Safety Manager
Senior Neighbourhood Warden	Democratic Services Assistant

CS.032 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tim Boxall, Miranda Clifton, John Marjoram, Russell Miles and Paul Smith.

CS.033 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair informed Members that Stroud District Council's (Cowle) Museum in the Park had retained its accreditation Award from Arts Council England. Accreditation was a set of nationally agreed standards for museums in the UK, which demonstrated their commitment to managing collections effectively for the enjoyment and benefit of users.

The Friends of the Museum had been awarded £12,000 from the Summerfield Trust towards the walled garden project. This additional boost for the project would go towards creating an entrance into the garden as a winding pathway instead of steps and a lift.

CS.034 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

CS.035 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED **That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 October 2013 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

CS.036 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None received.

CS.037 **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REVENUE ESTIMATES-REVISED 2013/14 AND ORIGINAL 2014/15**

The Accountancy Manager presented the above report with details of the Committee's revised estimates for 2013/14 and original estimates for 2014/15. The revised estimates showed an increase of £183,500 which was predominantly due to budget carry forwards of £78,400, pay inflation of £39,100 and budgetary/efficiency savings of £75,200. In respect of the capital budget, the major increase in the 2013/14 budget was due to the increase at Stroud Park Play area.

In response to questions from Members, the Strategic Head of Customer Services informed the Committee that grants to voluntary sector organisations would commence in April 2014. The Council was waiting for some organisations to confirm that they would be able to operate with the reduced level of grant for 2014/15. Members were informed that the amount of grant of available for the year would be £307,300.

The General Manager of Dursley Pool gave an overview of the proposed extension to the leisure facility which would create 45 station fitness and dance studio. The project would be an invest to save scheme which would assist in the development of Dursley Town Centre and create an additional three jobs. The overall cost of the project was £1.4m with a target payback time of ten years. In addition, the subsidy to the leisure facility would decrease year on year. This would be aided by an increase in membership to the centre, with a target of 1000 members within 3-4 years.

RESOLVED **To recommend to the Strategy and Resources Committee:**

- a) the estimates set out in Appendix B of this report be approved;
- b) the revised capital programme for 2013/14 and the capital programme for 2014/15, as shown in Table 2 (page 6) is approved;
- (c) Growth and investment, as set out in Appendix C is included in the council's budget plans for 2014/15.

CS.038 **WORK PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED **To agree the Committee's work programme.**

CS.039 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

None received.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

Chair