

SRP 2 - "COMMUNITY CENTRES"

DECISION SHEET

Thursday, 26th November 2015.

PRESENT: Councillors: Natasha Ahmed-Shaikh (Chair), Paul Conlan, Fabio Conti, Kamaljit Dhindsa, Ciaran McCartan, Joy Morrissey (Vice-Chair), Tim Murtagh (substitute for Chris Summers), Aysha Raza, Gareth Shaw, Andrew Steed (substitute for Jon Ball), and Simon Woodroofe.

Also Present:

Jonathan Kirby - Assistant Director, Major Projects, Ealing BC.

Laurie Lyle - Democratic Services Officer, Ealing BC.

Samantha Powell - Principal Planner, Planning Services, Ealing BC.

Anna-Marie Rattray - Scrutiny Review Officer, Ealing BC.

Gary Redhead - Assistant Director, Schools Planning and Resources, Ealing BC.

1. Apologies for Absence

(Agenda Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jon Ball, Mohinder Midha and Chris Summers.

2. Urgent Matters

(Agenda Item 2)

There were none.

3. Matters to be Considered in Private

(Agenda Item 3)

There were none.

4. Declarations of Interest

(Agenda Item 4)

There were none.

5. Minutes

(Agenda Item 5)

Resolved: That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Panel held on 24th September, 2015 be agreed as a true and correct record.

6. Consultations with Community Centre's in Ealing

(Agenda Item 6)

The Panel gave consideration to a report by the Assistant Director, Major Projects, which provided Members with an update on the progress made with regards to the Council's work with local Community Associations, in order to mitigate the impact of a zero based subsidy to Community Centre's in the borough.

Resolved: (i) That the Panel note the report by the Assistant Director, Major Projects, which provided an update on the provision of community centres in the borough, and the progress made on the Council's work with local Community Associations to mitigate the impact of a zero based subsidy in the borough;

(ii) That the Panel agrees to recommend to the Cabinet that it provides capital support for any proposals that show a potential for increasing revenue options, or reducing operational running costs, so as to support the continued provision of the borough's Community Association run Community Centres;

(iii) That the Panel agrees to liaise with representatives of 'Ealing Music Services' so as to understand the plans for the service's relocation, if any;

(iv) That the Panel agrees to liaise with Ealing CCG and Ealing Public Health to promote the use of the facilities provided by Community Centres, for health promotion services.

(v) That the Panel agrees to request that the Assistant Director, Major Projects, provide:

Advice to Community Associations in the borough, on how they might become 'incorporated' as charities;

A list of those community centres who currently qualify for rate relief, and those who do not; and to ensure that officers speak to all the community associations in the borough, with regard to reducing their energy bills, and availing of the council's energy subsidy;

(vii) That the Panel agrees to receive a further update report on the borough's Community Centres, at its next meeting on 28th January, 2016.

7. Community Use of School Premises

The Panel gave consideration to a report by the Assistant Director, Schools Planning and Resources, which provided Members with details of those schools in the borough, currently providing dual use community facilities.

Resolved: (i) That the Panel note the report by the by the Assistant Director, Schools Planning and Resources, which provided Members with details of schools in the borough who currently provide dual use community facilities. The Panel also noted information provided in the report that gave details of how the Council can support the provision and extended use of community facilities within schools, through its planning policies;

(ii) That the Panel agrees to adopt the proposal that new schools in the borough applying for planning permission, should demonstrate in their respective applications, how the community will have access to their facilities.

8. The Panel Work Programme

Resolved: (i) That the Panel notes the outline work programme for 2015/2016, as set out in the appendix to the substantive report;

(ii) That the Panel note that the items of business for consideration at the next meeting are likely to include the following:

- Ealing Community Network
- Council Halls for hire
- Draft recommendations and report of the Panel
- Panel Work Programme

9. Date of Next Meeting
(Agenda Item 6)

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of Scrutiny Review Panel 2, is on Thursday 28th January, 2016, and is scheduled to take place in the 'Oaktree Community Centre,' South Acton.

Councillor Natasha Ahmed-Shaikh, Chair.

The meeting ended at 9.25pm
