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Leisure and Culture Policy Development Advisory Group

Wednesday, 18th July, 2018 at 5.30 pm
Howard Room, Parkside, Chart Way, Horsham

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Councillors: Jonathan Chowen (Chairman)

Christine Costin
Matthew French
Billy Greening
Tony Hogben
Nigel Jupp

Adrian Lee
Christian Mitchell
Mike Morgan
Kate Rowbottom
Michael Willett

You are summoned to the meeting to transact the following business

Glen Chipp
Chief Executive

Agenda

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1. Apologies for absence	
2. Notes of previous meeting	3 - 4
To receive the notes of the meeting held on 16 May 2018	
3. The Capitol	
To receive a presentation to update the group on the production of a business plan for The Capitol covering the next three to five years	
4. Year of Culture	
To receive a presentation from the Head of Community & Culture on the budget for The Horsham District Year of Culture 2019	

5. **Ecology Update**

At the PDAG meeting on 16 May the Cabinet Member informed that group that he had met with Planning Officers in order to identify key impacts on local ecology and determine ways in which the Council could improve, protect and nurture ecology within the district. Following this meeting further examples of how the Planning Department currently works to enhance biodiversity have been identified, as have opportunities to build on this in the future

6. **The Bridge Update**

The new leisure centre is currently scheduled to be opened to the public this autumn. The group will receive a progress report from the Director of Community Services

7. **Forward Plan Extract for the Leisure and Culture Portfolio**

To note the Forward Plan extract (if any) for the Leisure and Culture Portfolio

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16 MAY 2018

Present: Councillors: Jonathan Chowen (Chairman), Christine Costin, Matthew French, Tony Hogben, Adrian Lee, Christian Mitchell and Michael Willett

Apologies: Councillors: Billy Greening, Nigel Jupp and Tricia Youtan

Also Present:

24 **NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The notes of the meeting held on 14 March 2018 were received by the group.

25 **FORWARD PLAN EXTRACT FOR THE LEISURE AND CULTURE PORTFOLIO**

There were no relevant items on the forward plan.

26 **ECOLOGY, WILDLIFE AND 'NATURAL CAPITAL'**

The Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture informed that group that he had a meeting with officers from the HDC Planning department in order to identify the key impacts on local ecology and determine ways in which HDC could improve, protect and nurture ecology within the district.

Three main ideas came about from the meeting with Planning Officers which were:

- Investigating ways that HDC could improve and nurture local ecology on HDC owned land.
- Implementing stronger ecological policies within new planning framework.
- Raising district wide awareness of the importance of 'Natural Capital' whilst encouraging and promoting exemplar projects within the district.

27 **BRIDGE UPDATE**

The Leisure Strategy and Client Manager provided the group with and update on the new Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre.

The project was still on budget and a Clerk of Works had been appointed to ensure the building quality was of a high standard.

The multi-use game areas were not in full use as drainage solutions were still being investigated.

The new centre was being equipped with all necessary assets as the previous centre's assets were being disposed of.

The demolition of the previous centre was planned to be completed by mid-2019.

The Director of Community Services briefed the group of the ongoing negotiations and potential locations of a new sports track within the district.

28 **YEAR OF CULTURE UPDATE**

This item was removed from the Agenda.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm having commenced at 5.30 pm

CHAIRMAN