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To: Councillors Ms L Bray, Mrs J Collier, M Jackson, C Lynch, C Riley, M Simpkins,
R Taylor, Mrs M Wakeman, Mrs P Witts

All other Members of the Council for information.

Dear Councillor

The next meeting of the Leisure Committee will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 13 July 2011 commencing at 7.30pm.

Yours sincerely

David J Martin
TOWN CLERK

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Public Question Time and Petitions
3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Declaration(s) of Interest under the Local Authority (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 issued under SI No. 1159 including paragraph 12(2).

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 May 2011 – *for information only.*
5. Reports from Council representatives appointed to outside bodies.
6. Corporate Plan Objectives (*Minute LEI 06/11*) – The Corporate Plan Objectives sheet for Leisure Centre, Campus and WC Assets is attached for review – *for review and comment.*
7. Christmas Lights Switch-On and Displays (*Minute LEI 39/10*) - Further to Committee meeting on 12 January when possible improvements to the Christmas Lights displays were discussed, the Community and Information Officer has explored possible improvements to the Christmas Lights displays for 2011. The Committee agreed that the priority should be to replace some of the lights as two sections had failed. It was agreed that the priority should be the

pedestrianised section of the High Street. Meetings have taken place with Christmas Lights suppliers and two proposals have been put forward for consideration. Details of the schemes will be presented at the meeting so that they can be adjusted and/or approved as appropriate - *for consideration*.

8. Annual Site Visits - Further to the site visits on 6 June and 4 July, the following matters were identified: Rudloe Play Area - remove graffiti from beneath slide; Westwells Play Area - clean safety surfacing around spring rockers; Neston Recreation Ground - weed flower beds; Springfield Recreation Ground - repair hole in wet-pour safety surfacing and remove graffiti from youth shelter. These items have been completed or added to the work schedule for the Grounds Staff. A further matter is amount of litter at Springfield Recreation Ground at weekends. During the week the litter is removed daily but weekend cover is limited due to staff availability and cost. The problem is worse during the summer months but this may increase as the site increases in popularity. It is felt that options for increasing the frequency of litter picking be explored, possibly including other well-used sites such as the children's play areas. These options will include in-house staff, contractors and Wiltshire Council - *for consideration*.
9. Children's Play Area Improvements - Further to previous meetings, the Play Area Capital Programme for 2010/11 was completed successfully apart from installing an additional pedestrian gate at Coppershell Play Area. This is because the whole fence is due to be replaced in the near future. The proposals previously suggested for 2011/12 included improvements at Dicketts Road, Meriton Recreation Ground and Springfield Recreation Ground. However, due to the possible impact and opportunities presented by the Campus, and spate of vandalism at Meriton Rec it is suggested that work at these sites be postponed until at least 2012/13 and that other projects be brought forward. The next priority is Coppershell Play Area where the timber equipment is at the end of its useful lifespan. In addition, the play equipment at Westwells has deteriorated badly and is recommended that the site be refurbished. There will be an opportunity of obtaining grants for both schemes.

Recommendation

That the Play Area Improvement Programme for 2011/12 focuses on improvements to Coppershell and Westwells Play Areas.

10. Bunting for High Street - Responsibility for the bunting used in the High Street was transferred from Corsham Twinning Association to the Town Council over five years ago. Since that time the cost of erecting and removing it has been split between the Town Council, Corsham Twinning Association and The Pound Arts Centre - depending on what events are taking place. This generates around £80 per year in income, less any costs involved. In the past two years the Town Council has kept the bunting in place for much longer than previously due to Armed Forces Day and Corsham in Bloom. This has proved popular with residents. It is felt that it would be worthwhile continuing this in future years and leaving the bunting up during June and July, and not charging the other groups whilst it is in use. This will reduce administration slightly, and as the other two organisations usually received funding support from the Town Council, it will have minimal impact on the budget

Recommendation

That the bunting be used through the summer, with the costs being met by the Town Council.