

Chairman - Councillor P M M Farrington

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

F Beatty	Economic Development and Planning Portfolio
J M Pert	Community and Health Portfolio
J K Price	Environment Portfolio
R M Smith	Deputy Leader and Resources Portfolio
C V Trowbridge	Leisure Portfolio

Also present Councillors I D Fordham, J Hood and R Kenney

Officers in attendance:-

Mr T Clegg	Chief Executive
Mr R Simpson	Head of Operations
Dr T Redpath	Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager
Mrs M Smith	Economic Growth and Strategic Projects Manager
Mr W Conaghan	Press and Communications Manager
Mr J Dean	Democratic Services Officer

## **CAB28 Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2021 as published on 3 September 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

## **CAB29 Creating a Destination Park and Visitor Attraction in Stone and updating Stone Leisure Strategy**

Considered a report providing an update on progress on delivering the Stone Leisure Strategy, including investment of £1.5 million in the development of a destination park and visitor attraction at Westbridge Park.

The Leader of the Council was pleased to see the report brought before Cabinet and welcomed the attendance of Members from the Borough Independents Group.

The Cabinet Member, Leisure Portfolio detailed the purpose of the report which further strengthened the Council's proven record of delivering successful leisure facilities across the Borough, and concluded her comments by recommending that the proposals as set out in Paragraph 2 of the report be approved.

Councillor J M Pert stated that the report was hugely welcome as it demonstrated continuous investment in providing health and wellbeing benefits to local residents.

Councillor J K Price reiterated the Council's commitment to provide appropriate facilities in all areas of the Borough and fully supported the proposals.

Councillor R M Smith was pleased to support the project and wished it every success in reaching completion. The Deputy Leader detailed many other leisure schemes delivered by the Council, all of which had been welcomed by residents.

Councillor F Beatty was pleased to see such a development in Stone which would greatly benefit those residents in the north of the Borough.

The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendations which were declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the proposals of the Cabinet Member, Leisure Portfolio be approved as follows:-

- That:-
- (a) the progress made to date in delivering the Stone Leisure Strategy be noted;
  - (b) permission to spend the previously allocated sum of £1,212,000 be granted and, subject to Council approval, an additional sum of £536,220 for delivering a Destination Park for Stone, enhanced facilities at Stone Hockey and Rugby Club and Alleyne's School as part of the Stone Leisure Strategy as outlined in paragraph 5.18 of the report;
  - (c) delegated authority be granted to the Head of Development, in consultation with the Stone Leisure Board and the Stone Ward Members to progress the project as follows:
    - (i) To approve spend and estimated costs within the approved budget;
    - (ii) To approve the specification and any final design(s);
    - (iii) To apply for any required planning and other regulatory consents;

- (iv) Run compliant procurement exercises with the assistance of the County Council's procurement team in accordance with the Council's internal procurement regulations;
  - (v) To enter the required contract(s) with a chosen provider(s);
  - (vi) To manage/oversee the project to completion.
- (d) £80,000 of the existing capital budget allocation be transferred to revenue to meet the costs of consultancy, surveys and design fees to progress the project;
- (e) upgrading of car parks as laid out in 5.10 of the report be approved with income generated helping to pay for the maintenance of the park and its new facilities;
- (f) the increased Open Space Officers presence at Westbridge Park be approved, including the provision of a new building with future income generated helping to pay for the maintenance of the park and its new facilities, as set out in 5.11 of the report.

CHAIR