



Leicester
City Council

MINUTES EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the ARTS, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: WEDNESDAY, 8 JANUARY 2003 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Scuplak - Chair
Councillor Sood - Labour Spokesperson

Councillor Dunphy
Councillor Newitt

Councillor Seare
Councillor Swift

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Councillor Holden – Cabinet Lead Member Arts, Leisure and Environment

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46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

There were no declarations of interest.

51. BEST VALUE REVIEW OF LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

The Service Director, Environmental Services submitted a report giving details of the Best Value Review of Local Environmental Services. Members were asked to comment on the Executive Summary and Improvement Plan prior to their submission to Cabinet on 27 January 2003. It was stated that the Review proposed integrated structures so as to provide a seamless service for customers and to meet the needs of the Revitalising Neighbourhoods project.

The Corporate Director of Cultural Services and Neighbourhood Renewal stated that the department would prepare a report on how best to ensure community safety in parks. A number of options including park rangers, park keepers and park constabulary would be explored. In addition, work was continuing on ways in which budgets that were currently spread over a number

of departments could be brought together to ensure that resources were maximised.

Members welcomed the report and the change of emphasis away from Compulsory Competitive Tendering and the success of the Revitalising Neighbourhoods pilot project in encouraging joint working but voiced concern over the diversion of resources and suggested that the role of the co-coordinator would need to have some powers of supervision to ensure joint working. Members also referred to the need for maintenance works to be carried out promptly, a new cemetery and to respond to requests to allow the scattering of ashes in rivers.

RESOLVED:

That the Executive Summary and Improvement Plans be noted.