



Leicester
City Council

MINUTE EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the HERITAGE, CULTURE, LEISURE AND SPORT SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Held: TUESDAY, 28 JANUARY 2014 at 5:30 pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Osman (Chair)
Councillor Clarke (Vice Chair)

Councillor Bajaj
Councillor Naylor

Councillor Dr Barton
Councillor Willmott

Also in Attendance

Councillor Piara Singh Clair Asst. City Mayor of Culture, Heritage, Leisure and Sport

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62. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2014/15 TO 2015/16

The Director of Culture and Neighbourhoods Services submitted a report outlining items from the revenue budget affecting this Commission related to "Sports Facilities" and "Parks and Open Spaces".

The Finance Manager advised that the savings proposed in these areas had been delivered and were on target so there were no issues for this Commission in that regard.

A query was raised regarding the City of Culture Bid and any commitments made as part of the bid.

The Director of Culture and Neighbourhoods Services confirmed that no financial commitments had been made, informal discussions would be taking place between the City Mayor and Assistant City Mayor for Culture, Leisure and Sport to consider what elements of the bid would continue and any decisions arising from that would be relayed to the Commission as appropriate.

A further query was raised regarding the financial implications arising from being a host city for the Rugby World Cup taking place in Leicester in 2015.

The Director of Culture and Neighbourhoods Services indicated that money had been set aside in previous budget approval to cover that and the Council would be working with the Rugby World Cup organisers nationally and with other partners in the City.

Clarity was sought on the reductions this portfolio was facing, compared to others. The Commission was informed that in comparison to other portfolios the reduction was 5% which was a reasonable proportion and this budget was being well managed. It was noted that services such as museums had been protected, but contributions from all service areas would need to be made.

RESOLVED:

That the commission noted and reviewed the report.