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To: All Members of the Board of Trustees of the Recreation Ground, Bath

Councillor Tim Ball
Councillor David Dixon
Councillor Nathan Hartley

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers
Press and Public

Dear Trustee

Board of Trustees of the Recreation Ground, Bath: Thursday, 7th July, 2011

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Board of Trustees of the Recreation Ground, Bath**, to be held on **Thursday, 7th July, 2011** at **6.30 pm** in the **Council Chamber - Guildhall**.

A Pre-meeting for the Board will be held in the Cabinet Room on the second floor of the Guildhall at 5.30pm. Tea and coffee will be available.

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

David Taylor
for Trust Board

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NOTES:

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Board of Trustees of the Recreation Ground, Bath - Thursday, 7th July, 2011

at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber - Guildhall

A G E N D A

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

2. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair will ask the Administrator to draw attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out under Note 6

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

To receive any declarations from Members/Officers of personal or prejudicial interests in respect of matters for consideration at this meeting. Members who have an interest to declare are asked to:

- a) State the Item No in which they have the interest;
- b) The nature of the interest;
- c) Whether the interest is personal or personal and prejudicial.

Any Member who is unsure about the above should seek advice from the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting in order to expedite matters at the meeting itself.

5. TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

6. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

To consider any submissions received and decide what action to take, if any, on the matters raised therein. As the Questions and Answers will be circulated in written form, there is no requirement for them to be read out at the meeting. The Questions and Answers will be published with the draft Minutes.

7. MINUTES: WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL 2011 (Pages 5 - 12)

To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 13th April 2011 including the Exempt Minutes

8. UPDATE ON GENERAL MANAGEMENT ISSUES (Pages 13 - 14)

To consider a report by the Strategic Director for Service Delivery updating the Trustees on general management issues at the Recreation Ground

9. LETTINGS UPDATE (Pages 15 - 18)

To consider a report by the Parks and Estates Manager on the Lettings made at the Recreation Ground since the last report to the Board at its April meeting

10. UPDATE ON CONSULTATION EXERCISE ON FUTURE USES OF THE RECREATION GROUND (Pages 19 - 22)

To consider an update report by the Strategic Director for Service Delivery on the consultation on future uses of the Recreation Ground

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is David Taylor who can be contacted on 01225 - 394414

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RECREATION GROUND, BATH

Wednesday, 13th April, 2011

Present:

Councillors Chris Watt, David Hawkins and Vic Pritchard

59 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair drew attention to the Emergency Evacuation Procedure

60 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

61 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

There were none

62 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

There was none

63 QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Statements were made by the following people (copies are available on the Minute book, if provided);

- Worthy Gilson
- Keith McGarrigle (read by Jill McGarrigle)
- Tony Hooper
- Peter Downey
- Danny Sacco

Questions had been submitted in advance of the meeting from;

- Ian Barclay
- Agnes Melling

Responses were printed in the Q&A document which was available at the meeting.

64 MINUTES - 16TH DECEMBER 2010

Councillor Pritchard asked for clarification regarding the Charity Commission's 31st March deadline (minute number 57, 5th paragraph) which had clearly now passed without any submission to the Charity Commission. Councillor Watt explained that the 31st March deadline, or any such date is agreed, was part of the order. The

Board had remained in contact with the Commission on progress and there had been nothing to indicate that they weren't content with the current proposals.

On a motion from Councillor Pritchard, seconded by Councillor Hawkins, it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the previous meeting of 16th December 2010, (including the exempt minutes) were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

65 UPDATE ON GENERAL MANAGEMENT ISSUES

The Board considered a report giving them an update on general management issues at the Recreation Ground.

The Chair wished to pass the Board's congratulations to the Grounds maintenance team who had recently received an award from the Institute of Groundsmanship – Public Sector Sports Ground of the Year. This reflected their hard work in maintaining the grounds despite a wide range of demands being placed upon them, and spells of severe weather.

Councillor Watt also informed the meeting that the litter on the bank, which had been the subject of recent correspondence, had now been cleared.

On a motion from Councillor Pritchard, seconded by Councillor Hawkins, it was

RESOLVED to note the contents of the report.

66 LETTINGS UPDATE

The Board considered the update on lettings made since the last report to the Board at its October 2010. Councillor Watt updated the meeting regarding the arrangements for the Somerset County Cricket Club and the associated cricket events taking place in July.

On a motion from Councillor Pritchard, seconded by Councillor Hawkins, it was

RESOLVED to note the position with the lettings update.

67 COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THIRD PARTIES

The Chair introduced this item and explained why the Board needed to move into exempt session for this item.

On a motion from Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor Hawkins, it was

RESOLVED

1. to agree the Public Interest test document; and
2. that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business because of the likely disclosure of exempt

information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended.

The public then left the room.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor Pritchard and

RESOLVED

1. to note the contents of the report;
2. to agree to consult on proposals to regularise activities that take place on the Recreation Ground; and
3. to note and confirm the existing authorisation given to the Strategic Director for Service Delivery at the meeting on 16th December 2010 to negotiate with the Rugby Club and the Charity Commission.

68 RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

The public were re-admitted to the room, and copies of the Consultation document were distributed.

69 LAUNCH CONSULTATION ON FUTURE USES OF THE RECREATION GROUND

The Chair introduced this item and referred to the consultation document that had been made available. He ran through the purpose of the consultation and the key points contained within the document. He acknowledged that some activities would be affected but explained that there would be sufficient space to accommodate these activities at the Lambridge site, and it could offer enhanced sporting opportunities due to the larger space available.

With regard to the abuse presented by the Leisure Centre, the Charity Commission have previously indicated that they agree that a cy-pres situation has occurred and this could be regularised by changing the objects to include indoor activities if submitted as part of the whole scheme. The Commission would need to agree that the total benefits offered were enough to outweigh the detriment created by the two abuses.

Councillor Watt ran through the events planned as part of the consultation, and explained that the consultation document would be available online, as well as at the Guildhall, the Rugby Club, the Leisure Centre and the Library. Copies were also being sent to all regular users of the Rec. After 2 weeks, the Board would review the responses received thus far, and produce an FAQ document which would be available online. Following the close of the consultation, the Board planned to hold a meeting in early July to consider the responses and confirm to the Charity Commission if they wanted to seek to change the charitable objects and regularise the position.

The Chair explained that he would be available following the close of the meeting for any questions, and permitted some questions at that point.

On a motion from Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor Pritchard, it was

RESOLVED

1. to note the contents of the report; and
2. to agree to launch an 8 week public consultation on the Trustees proposals to resolve the issues arising from the High Court decision in 2002.

The consultation document is available at;

<http://www.recreationgroundtrust.org.uk/bathRecLandUseConsultation.htm>

The meeting ended at 6.25 pm

Chair(person)

Date Confirmed and Signed

Prepared by Democratic Services

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Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING:	Bath Recreation Ground Trust Board	
MEETING DATE:	7 th July 2011	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E 2282
TITLE:	The Recreation Ground, Bath – Update on General Management Issues	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report:		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This paper gives the Trustees an update on general management issues at the Recreation Ground.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Trust Board is asked to:

- 2.1 Note the contents of this report

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Any financial implications have been noted within the content of this report.

4 THE REPORT

- 4.1 Grounds Maintenance – the rugby pitch has undergone annual maintenance to improve the durability of the playing surface. This work, which was paid for by the Rugby Club involved aerating the surface and spreading sand. Remedial work using fleeces to promote quicker germination of grass under the temporary east stand.
- 4.2 Car Parking – Following queries about access to the Leisure centre Car Park on match days, discussions with the Rugby Club have highlighted that their stewards should not prevent access to users of the Leisure Centre. The Trustees will be monitoring this situation over the coming season.

- 4.3 Management of Bookings – Administration of bookings have now been taken over by Tina Woodberry Telephone 01225 396429 email: tina_woodberry@bathnes.gov.uk

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 The report author and the Trust Board members have fully reviewed the risk assessment related to the issues in this report, in compliance with the Council's decision making management guidance.

6 RATIONALE

- 6.1 General Management fulfils the terms of the Trust.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 7.1 All information is contained within the report

8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

- 8.1 General Management fulfil the terms of the Trust

9 ADVICE SOUGHT

- 9.1 Open Spaces and Finance Services, Bath and North East Somerset Council

Contact person	<i>Glen Chipp – Trust Board Adviser – 01225 394567</i>
Background papers	<i>None</i>
Please contact the report author if you need to access this report in an alternative format	

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING:	The Recreation Ground Trust	
MEETING DATE:	7 th July 2011	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
TITLE:	Lettings Report	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE: E 2283
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report:		
Appendix 1 – Schedule of lettings at June 2011		

1 THE ISSUE

1.1 This paper gives the Trustees an update on the lettings made since the last report to the Board at its April 2011 meeting

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Bath Recreation Ground Trust agrees that:

2.1 The position with the lettings update is noted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2.2 Lettings provide a source of part of the income of the Trust

3 CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- *Building communities where people feel safe and secure*
- *Improving life chances of disadvantaged teenagers and young people*

4 THE REPORT

4.1 Attached as Appendix 1 is a summary of the lettings granted on the Recreation ground since April 2011 and known future lettings.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 The report author and Lead Cabinet member have fully reviewed the risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

6 EQUALITIES

- 6.1 An equalities impact assessment is not required in this instance as the report is for information.

7 RATIONALE

- 7.1 Lettings fulfil the terms of the Trust and provide income to contribute towards its running costs.

8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 "None", as the report is for information only.

9 CONSULTATION

- 9.1 Sport & Active Leisure and Environmental Services have been consulted *Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer*

10 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

- 10.1 *Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Human Resources; Property; Young People; Human Rights; Corporate; Health & Safety; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations*

11 ADVICE SOUGHT

- 11.1 None sought on the basis that this report is for information only.

Contact person	Graham Evans – Parks & Estates Manager – 01225 396873
Sponsoring Cabinet Member	<i>Councillor Dave Dixon</i>
Background papers	None
Please contact the report author if you need to access this report in an alternative format	

BATH RECREATION GROUND

LETTINGS UPDATE AS AT JUNE 2011

April

Bath Rugby Sponsors Marquee - 16

Bath Rugby – 9, 16

Bath Lacrosse - 2

Bath Mini Rugby – 3, 10, 17

Bath Rugby Community Foundation coaching – 15, 16, 18

May

Bath Mini Rugby - 1

Bath Rugby – 7

Bath Rugby Family Fun Day – 7

Bath Rugby Sponsors Marquee – 7

Coffee Festival – 19 – 22

Bath Fringe Spiegeltent – 23 May to 8 June

June

Bath Fringe Spiegeltent – 23 May to 8 June

Bath ASU Sponsored Walk – Macmillan Cancer Support – 11 & 12

Christening – Ball Pool Bouncy Castle – 18

Kwik Cricket Competition for Girls – 21

July

SCCC – 4

Schools Cricket – 5 - 7

Bath Rugby 7's Tournament - 15

Annual Whitefield Volleyball Tournament – 23 & 24

August

Bath Rugby Friendly – 13- 14

Bath Triathlon – 20 & 21

Bath Rugby Family Fun Day - 26

September

Annual Bath Lacrosse Tournament – 3 & 4

November

Bath Rotary Club Annual Fireworks Display – 4 or 5

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING:	The Board of Trustees of the Recreation Ground, Bath	
MEETING DATE:	7 th July 2011	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E 2284
TITLE:	The Recreation Ground, Bath – Update on Consultation Exercise	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report:		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This paper gives the Trustees an update on the progress of the consultation exercise which closed on 10th June. Analysis of results is still proceeding and a more detailed report should be available for distribution at the meeting

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Trust Board is asked to:

- 2.1 Note the contents of this report

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Any financial implications have been noted within the content of this report.

4 THE REPORT

- 4.1 Headline Results

The Trustees received over 4500 replies to the consultation exercise: the results were as follows;

Question 1: The Trustees believe that the benefits secured by the Trust's proposed land use are greater than any addition detriments arising from them. Do you:

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
540	51	48	381	3,495
12%	1%	1%	9%	77%

Question 2: If you disagree, could you explain why you believe there are more detriments.

Top 5 Answers

- (i) The Rec is for all, not just rugby and not commercial gain 142
- (ii) Lambridge is not an adequate exchange 56
- (iii) Lambridge is too far from the city centre 40
- (iv) Traffic congestion would be increased 24
- (v) New stadium would be too big and out of character 18

Question 3: Are there any benefits to the proposals you believe we have overlooked?

Top 5 Answers

- (i) Benefits to Bath if Rugby is kept at the Rec 131
- (ii) New stadium provides multiple uses 80
- (iii) Tourism 64
- (iv) Opportunity to re-develop Riverside 54
- (v) More aesthetically pleasing Re to replace old stands 53

Question 4: What additional clubs or societies and/or activities would you like to see at the Rec, Lambridge or Leisure Centre?

<u>Rec</u>		<u>Lambridge</u>		<u>Leisure Centre</u>	
Music	288	Canoeing	6	Warm water pool	61
Cricket	278	All weather pitch	3	Improved pool	14
All Sports	89	Park & Ride	3	Improved Sports Centre	2
Youth Sport	76	Football	2	Separate male/female saunas	1
School Sport	53	Horse Shows	2	Wave machine in the pool	1
				Water Aerobics	1

4.2 Further Validation and Analysis Is proceeding and a full report will be presented at the meeting

Contact person	<i>Glen Chipp – Trust Board Adviser – 01225 394567</i>
Background papers	<i>None</i>
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