

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
TOURISM, EQUALITIES, COMMUNITIES & CULTURE COMMITTEE

4.00pm 21 NOVEMBER 2019

HOVE TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBER

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Robins (Chair) Grimshaw (Deputy Chair), Rainey (Opposition Spokesperson), Nemeth (Group Spokesperson), Ebel, Evans, Mears, O'Quinn, Powell and Simson

Other Invitees : Anusree Biswas Sasidharan, Community Works; Joanna Martindale, Community Works and Lola Banjoko, Brighton and Hove CCG

PART ONE

17 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

17a Declaration of Substitutes

17.1 Councillor O'Quinn was in attendance in substitution for Councillor Childs.

17b Declaration of Interests

17.2 Councillor Powell declared a non-prejudicial interest in items on which the Police had been consulted by virtue of the fact that she was employed by the local Police authority.

17c Exclusion of the Press and Public

17.3 In accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ("the Act"), the Planning Committee considered whether the public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item of business on the grounds that it is likely in view of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during it, there would be disclosure to them of confidential information as defined in Section 100A (3) of the Act.

17.4 **RESOLVED** – That the public be not excluded during consideration of any item of business on the agenda.

18 MINUTES

18.1 **RESOLVED** – That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 26 September as a correct record.

19 CHAIRS COMMUNICATIONS

19.1 The Chair provided the following updates:

Council Golf Courses

19.2 This Committee had previously approved the marketing of the council's golf courses on leases of at least 25 years. The courses have been advertised for golf, leisure, education or conservation uses including rewilding.

19.3 The marketing exercise had attracted 15 proposals for either one course or both courses. There are an encouraging wide variety of proposals in terms of use, but there was inconsistency to the extent in which the proposals had been developed. Therefore, further time was needed to identify if any of the proposals would provide long term sustainable uses for the golf courses. The existing management contract for the golf courses expired at the end of March 2020, which unfortunately gave uncertainty for staff and current users. Therefore, as a matter of urgency options were currently being assessed to give greater certainty to all stakeholders. Members would be updated as soon as possible, and, if necessary a special meeting would be convened.

Shelter Hall Development on the Seafront

19.4 Those businesses to operate from the new Shelter Hall development on the seafront had been selected. The historic Shelter Hall, which had been entirely rebuilt was due to be completed early next year, and would be home to the city's first food hall, with up to ten independent Brighton & Hove food businesses offering a wide range of cuisine. The new food hall will be run by Sessions Market, a new ethically driven company bringing together experienced business operators from the restaurant and design worlds.

19.5 The Rotunda, located above the Shelter Hall at street level, would be the new beach location for Riddle & Finns, the champagne and oyster bar which had been a prominent name in the city for nearly 14 years. Its food philosophy combined traditional English seafood dishes with international influences. The building boasted spectacular panoramic views and would be a great asset to the city's visitors and seafood lovers.

Blue Plaque – Sake Dean Mahomed

19.6 On 5 November the Chair had attended the unveiling of the Blue Plaque for Sake Dean Mahomed (the Shampooing) surgeon to George IV at the Queens Hotel which was where his Indian Medicated vapour bath had been located. Shampooing involved medicated vapour bath using Indian herbs.

19.7 Brighton Museum & Art Gallery had put up a display dedicated to Sake Dean Mahomed. The star object was Mahomed's court dress – the sumptuous outfit he wore whilst attending to George IV. The display also featured miniature portraits of Mahomed and his wife, Jane, as well as other portraits and personal items, some of which had been recently acquired from his descendants. A short film accompanied the display and highlighted Sake Dean Mahomed's achievements.

Royal Pavilion and Museum sites – Awarded Assured Visitor Attraction Status

- 19.8 The RPM sites had all been awarded Quality Assured Visitor Attraction status, following audit visits by assessors from Visit England's Visitor Attraction Quality Scheme (VAQS). VAQS was a national visitor attraction standard, and the sites were assessed biennially against a set of criteria that focused on the whole visitor experience. The award was recognised by a number of agencies. In particular, having the VAQS award contributed to each sites' Museums and Galleries Accreditation submission by demonstrating that our sites met key service standards the User Services section of the Accreditation Standard.

Tourism – Day Trips and Staying trips

- 19.9 In 2018, Brighton, had seen an increase in tourism day trips with 9.5 million trips made, this was up by 1% from 2017, whilst the direct business turnover resulting from these trips had increased by 4% to £335m. This bucked the England and South East trend, with Brighton and Hove out-performing the country and region as a whole. Overall, an estimated 1.51m staying trips were spent in Brighton & Hove in 2018, of which around 1,138,000 were made by domestic visitors (up by 7% on 2017) and 374,000 by overseas visitors (decrease of 3% on 2017). Compared to 2017, total overnight trip volume increased by 4%, whilst the value remained static at £515m. Across the South East as a whole, the number of staying trips to the region by international visitors had fallen significantly by 23%, so Brighton significantly out-performed the region. The decline in overseas trips was attributed by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) to a reduction in the number of visitors originating from EU countries – potentially a result of ongoing Brexit negotiations which will also impacted on statistics for future years. Overnight trips had resulted in an estimated 4.95m visitor nights spent in Brighton & Hove in 2018, an increase of 1% compared to 2017. The total number of visitors was 11.01m (up by 1.5% on 2017) whilst total expenditure by visitors to Brighton & Hove was estimated to have been in the region of £850 million in 2018, an increase of 1.5% on 2017. Tourism Supported: 15,730 FTE jobs and 21,448 Actual jobs which equates to around 15.7% of all employee jobs in Brighton & Hove.

20 CALL OVER

- 20.1 The Democratic Services Officer read out items 24 – 28 on the agenda. It was noted that any items appearing under items 21 – 23 were automatically reserved. All other items appearing on the agenda were automatically reserved. All items were called for discussion.

21 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

21a Petitions

- 21.1 There were none.

21b Written Questions

- 21.2 It was noted that one written question had been received.

Libraries Plan

- 21.3 Mr Hawtree was invited forward to present his question (set out at page 1 of the addendum to the main agenda) and below:
- 21.4 “When I asked the Chair at Full Council, what public involvement there would be in the “Libraries Plan”, he merely replied that Councillors could attend a “presentation” about it on November 19, which did not answer my supplementary and so would the Chair now please take this opportunity to reply to the unanswered question.”
- 21.5 The Chair, Councillor Robins responded in the following terms:

“Public and community engagement will be in four main ways:

- Surveys to gather the views of library users across the city;
- Focus group work to gather more qualitative information from particular groups such as young people, and people with special needs;
- Research into the views of non-users of libraries; and
- Engagement through local community groups to get specific feedback from geographical areas or community interest groups

There will also be input from partner organisations who regularly work with libraries and from libraries staff and volunteers. At the Members working group on Tuesday this week, Members requested a longer period for public consultation, so this will now take place in January and February 2020. Therefore, the Libraries Plan report will come to this committee in June and onto P&R and full council in July 2020, subject to finalisation of committee dates in December.”

Deputation(s) – Whitehawk Hill and the Racecourse Landscape and City Plan Part 2

- 21.6 It was noted that one Deputation had been received.
- 21.7 Mr Bikers was invited forward to present his deputation (set out at page 7 of the addendum) and below:

“Whitehawk Hill and the wider Racecourse Landscape are one of Brighton and Hove’s most important assets, on a par with the Royal Pavilion and Preston and Hove Parks, for example. Whitehawk Hill is a statutorily designated Local Nature Reserve and most of it is statutory access land. It supports a range of rare and scarce habitats and species. It is the South Downs in our city and is a gateway to the wider Downs. It is well used and well loved by people from across the City, and especially by its neighbouring communities. Volunteers from these communities are working with the council’s ranger to conserve and restore its habitats and landscapes for people and wildlife. Despite all of this, this landscape is threatened with damaging development because sites within it are included in the list of housing allocations in City Plan Part 2. These allocations are based on the conclusions of the Urban Fringe Assessments, conclusions that were not adequately evidenced and are unsound. Further, despite meeting all the criteria, this landscape was not proposed for Local Green Space designation in the Urban Fringe Assessments and was not included as such in the City Plan. When asked, council officers were unable to offer any explanation for this. Public opposition to development on Whitehawk Hill was clearly demonstrated during the Save Whitehawk Hill campaign,

which opposed the Homes for Brighton and Hove proposals which emerged last year. This included full public meetings, the 'Beating the Bounds' walk with at least 120 people and a petition which attracted more than 1400 signatures.

Friends of Whitehawk Hill have submitted a document to the council setting out their case for the removal of these sites from the allocations in City Plan Part 2, as well as for the designation of this landscape as a Local Green Space. This includes evidence, for example, from ecological surveys carried out this year by professional ecologists. It demonstrates that development of these sites would damage ecology, landscape and views and people's access to and enjoyment of this landscape.

Friends of Whitehawk Hill have tried repeatedly to engage with councillors and officers over this but whilst some councillors have been supportive, it seems clear that officers do not want to engage with us over the substance of our case. Instead, they have rejected our attempts to engage and indicated that this is something that should be dealt with by the Planning Inspectorate, a national body remote from our city and landscapes. This is a plan for Brighton and Hove and Brighton and Hove Council can and should take ownership of the decisions involved in its preparation, including the decisions about the future of these sites. It should not wash its hands of them.

We ask Brighton and Hove Council to do the right thing, remove these sites from the list of housing allocations, designate it as a Local Green Space and develop a positive vision for the whole of this landscape. We would be happy to work with the council to make this case and deliver this vision and to this end we further urge the council to engage with us so that we can work together."

21.8 The Chair, Councillor Robins responded in the following terms:

"Thank you for deputation.

Consultation on the Draft City Plan Part 2 ended on the 13 September 2019 after ten weeks of consultation and the Planning Policy team have considered all of the representations that were put forward during that period. A revised City Plan Part 2 is due to be considered by the council in January, and if approved, will be published as the Proposed Submission version for six weeks formal consultation.

It would not be appropriate for the Council to look at the submitted evidence at this very late stage. It would be unfair to all those who did make valid representations within the prescribed period and were not given any further opportunity to submit further information.

We do acknowledge the considerable effort and energy that The Friends of Whitehawk Hill have put into their evidence gathering and would encourage the group to engage in the next stage of consultation. If after reading the Proposed Submission City Plan Part 2, you still consider the plan to be unsound, your objections and supporting analysis will need to be formally submitted during the consultation period. Duly made representations will then be considered alongside the submitted City Plan Part Two by an independent planning inspector appointed by the government."

- 21.9 **RESOLVED** - That the contents of the deputation and the Chair's response to it be noted and received.

22 ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL

Deputation – Pride PVP

- 22.1 It was noted that as the Deputee had already presented the Deputation at Full Council they were invited to hear the response and decision of the Committee but did not have the opportunity to speak to the Deputation again. The Committee needed to decide whether to note the Deputation or to call for an officer report.

- 22.2 The Chair responded in the following terms:

“Thank you for your Deputation.

I understand a written response to your deputation has already been sent to you and I cannot add any more to that today, other than to reiterate that a comprehensive review into the PVP was undertaken in 2018 following a deputation to Full Council by the Kingscliffe Society. Concerns raised by the Kingscliffe Society at that time were included in a report to this committee which was considered by members along with other evidence and the results of public consultation. A decision was taken that the event would remain where it is currently held. The written response sent to you following the deputation to council in October 2019, I believe answers the issues you have raised regarding the safety of the event. I am afraid that I don't have any more that I am able to add in response.”

- 22.3 **RESOLVED** – That the content of the deputation and the Chair's response to it be noted.

23 MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

23a Petitions

- 23.1 There were none.

23b Written Question(s)

- 23.2 It was noted that two written questions had been received from Councillor Nemeth (these were set out at pages 33 and 34 of the circulated agenda) and below:

(i) King Alfred Tenants - Councillor Nemeth

- 23.3 “When were the King Alfred Leisure Centre's tenants and principle user groups last formally informed as agreed about plans for the facility's redevelopment and exactly which tenants and groups did the communication include?”

- 23.4 The Chair, Councillor Robins responded in the following terms:

“Freedom Leisure, the council’s tenant for the King Alfred Leisure Centre were notified on 13 August 2019 that Crest Nicholson had withdrawn from the King Alfred redevelopment. When the council has agreed a way forward with regards to the facility the tenant will be notified to enable staff, sub tenants and user groups to be updated.

23.5 When invited to put a supplementary question, Councillor Nemeth expressed his concern regarding the on-going uncertainties and the Chair responded that the matter was being expedited and that all included members of the committee would be updated further as soon as it was possible to do so. It was hoped that would be early in the New Year. It should also be noted that the end of the project was very heavily publicised, so people would have known about it. If they wanted to find out more about it might mean for their own activities then that was something they would have discussed with “Freedom” who managed the centre day to day, not with the City Council.

23.6 **RESOLVED** - That the question and the Chair’s response to it be received and noted.

(ii) King Alfred Project Board

23.7 “What representations will the Chair be making to the King Alfred Leisure Centre Project Board in his capacity as head of sports for the city?”

23.8 The Chair, Councillor Robins, responded in the following terms:

“When closing the last project, the Policy & Resources Committee agreed that a new cross-party Project Board would lead the creation of a new project and oversee its delivery. The Board, which will meet early next year, will have a crucial role to play in resetting the project. This will include reviewing the sporting requirements of a new facility while taking into account the condition of the council’s existing sports facilities, work that is about to commence. The challenges posed by the last project and changing economic conditions will also be considered.

As Chair of this committee I will be taking a keen interest in the project and will be fully engaged in the process throughout, as will the Strategic Delivery Board, chaired by the Leader of the Council, which is also cross-party.”

23.9 **RESOLVED** – That the question and the Chair’s response to it be received and noted.

24 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS PARKS AND GREEN SPACES REVIEW

24.1 The Committee considered a report of the Interim Executive Director, Housing Neighbourhoods and Communities the purpose of which was to consider the effectiveness of the Parks and Open Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) that was implemented in April 2017 under section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 and the continued use of the PSPO which was in place until 31 December 2019.

24.2 The Head of Safer Communities and Trading Standards introduced the report and explained the context of the existing PSPO, requesting that the Committee note the current arrangements which were in place and were due to lapse on 31 December 2019 and that it was recommended that officers undertake an in depth analysis of the Parks

and Open Spaces PSPO needed to be re-introduced in their current form or altered to include further/less areas and prohibitions in the future. As part of that review officers should explore the use of alternative legal tools.

- 24.3 It was noted that a proposed amendment had been received from the Green Group in the following terms:

~~“2.1 That the Committee notes that the current orders lapse on 31st December 2019 and directs officers to undertake an in depth analysis of whether the Parks and Open Spaces PSPO need to be re-introduced in the current form or altered to include further/less areas and prohibitions in the future. As part of that a review officers should also to explore the use of **enforcement of existing** alternative legal tools **such as bye-laws and to further detail options to remove the use of PSPOs in Parks and Open Spaces in the Brighton & Hove area.**”~~

- 24.4 The amendment had been proposed by Councillor Ebel and seconded by Councillor Powell both of whom at the Chair’s invitation spoke in support of their proposed amendment.
- 24.5 Following discussion the Chair put the proposals as amended and they were agreed as set out below.
- 24.6 **RESOLVED** – That the Committee notes that the current orders lapse on 31 December 2019 and directs officers to undertake a review to explore the enforcement of existing alternative tools such as bye-laws and to further detail options to remove the use of PSPOs in the Brighton and Hove area.

25 WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- 25.1 The Committee considered a report of Executive Lead for Strategy, governance and Law (Monitoring Officer) prepared in response to the decision of Full Council to explore options implement the recommendations of the Fawcett Society on women in local government.
- 25.2 It was explained that in July 2017, The Fawcett Society in partnership with the Local Government Information unit had published a report on women in local government entitled “Does Local Government Work for Women?” The report had looked at the representation and experiences of women elected to local authorities. It made a number of recommendations for improvement. In December 2018 the Policy and Resources Committee agreed a number of actions but some of the recommendations required further consideration.
- 25.3 The actions proposed in response to the outstanding Fawcett Report recommendations were set out in Appendix 1 to the report. It was noted that these plans had been discussed by a cross-party group consisting of the Group whips.

- 25.4 The Chair noted that the following proposed amendment had been received from the Green Group:
To amend recommendation 2.2 and add recommendation 2.3 as shown in ***bold italics***:
- “2.2 That Members recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee that the proposals set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved, ***with the additional recommendation 2.3***;
- That the Committee requests officers to promote all roles, available for flexible working and part time.***” (Proposed by Councillor and seconded by Councillor Rainey)
- 25.5 Councillor Powell spoke in support of her proposed amendment stating that whilst the work completed to date and proposed going forward was commended, she was of the view that the council should be doing all that it could both to support women in the workplace and to seek to make them fully aware of the flexible working options available to them. Councillor Rainey stated that she concurred in that view and therefore seconded the proposed amendment.
- 25.6 The Community Works invitee, Anusree Biswas Sasidharan, welcomed the report and the work that had been undertaken to implement the outstanding Fawcett Society recommendations. A great deal of work had obviously been undertaken and that was to be commended.
- 25.7 The Executive Lead for Strategy, Governance and Law explained that the report related primarily to the appointment of elected Members. The Council had arrangements in place in relation to the appointment of officers and that appointment to some posts for instance some group appointments fell outside the direct remit of the council.
- 25.8 Councillors Powell and Rainey stated that notwithstanding the comments made, which were noted and understood they wished their amendment to be considered and voted on. Considering that it was very important to encourage and enable flexible working arrangements and to seek to ensure that potential female councillors and staff were fully aware of those possibilities.
- 25.9 Councillors Nemeth and Mears stated that they did not feel able to support the proposed amendments as though happy to support the report recommendations as they stood, if amended they would take them outside the remit of what the council could do. Candidates were chosen on merit and group leaders were not precluded from operating that on a job share or on the grounds of gender.
- 25.10 Councillor Simson whilst understanding the rationale for the wording of the proposed amendment struggled with it as currently worded especially as the report related primarily to elected members rather than officers. Councillor Simson stated that she might feel able to support an amendment to the amendment which referred to “all roles” without stipulating what those roles might be. That was tentatively suggested as an amendment to the Green Group amendment but was not agreed. The Committee then moved to a vote on the Green Group amendment.
- 25.11 A vote was then taken on the proposed Green Group amendment which was agreed by a vote of 7 with 3 abstentions. It was then voted on as the substantive amendment and was agreed by a vote of 7 with 3 abstentions.

25.12 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Committee agrees the plans to address the outstanding Fawcett Society recommendations as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; and

25.13 **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** – (2) That Members recommend to Policy and Resources Committee that the proposals set out in Appendix 1 be approved, with the addition of (3) below; and

(3) That the Committee requests officers to promote all roles, including senior roles, available for flexible working and part-time.

26 MADEIRA TERRACE RESTORATION - UPDATE

26.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director, Economy, Environment and Culture which sought to update members on the current status of the first phase of the restoration of Madeira Terrace including the procurement process and responded to the recommendations agreed at the Tourism Development and Culture Committee meeting held on 20 June 2019.

26.2 It was noted that at that committee meeting members had agreed to delegate authority to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment and culture to procure and award a contract for early design stage work and engineering of 30 of the total of 151 Madeira Arches. The report before the Committee that day set out that when the designs were ready and the costings for construction established, the council would move immediately to deliver the three arches paid for by crowd funding and would not wait for the funds to be available to implement 30 arches. Following delivery of the three arches the council would deliver as many arches as possible with the funding available at the time. The Committee had instructed officers to specify innovative renewable technology such as solar panels and rainwater harvesting so that this had been made a priority for the award of any contract awarded. It was considered that this would help to reduce costs in the long term and would help the city to meet its commitment to achieving a carbon neutral status by 2030.

26.3 It was noted that the report also set out the steps necessary to appoint the design team and the work being done with community stakeholders and was requesting that members support a request to Policy and Resources Committee for a cross party project board to be set up to offer governance for Madeira Terrace.

26.4 Councillors Nemeth and Mears supported the approach requested but hoped that funding could be found by whatever means to enable works to be undertaken to all of the arches at the earliest possible time to avoid a part finished scheme.

26.5 Councillors Rainey and Ebel echoed those concerned and hoped that crowd-finding and any other potential funding streams could be utilised in order to facilitate this scheme. It was agreed that the Committee would be provided with periodic updates.

26.6 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Committee notes the current status of the project and the steps taken towards appointment of a design team, a crucial next step in restoration delivery which will start with the three arches; and

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

(2) That the Committee recommends to Policy & Resources Committee that it introduces a Project Board, with cross party representation for Madeira Terrace.

27 OUTDOOR EVENTS – MADEIRA DRIVE ROAD CLOSURES 2020

- 27.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director, Economy Environment and Culture seeking approval from members for landlord's consent for each of the proposed events on Madeira Drive in 2020 and the associated road closures.
- 27.2 It was noted that Madeira Drive was a very important venue for events in the city as they drew residents and visitors and its use extended the seafront offer both geographically and seasonally as events were held throughout the year.
- 27.3 It was noted that a Green Group amendment had been received in the following terms:

To amend recommendations 2.2 and 2.3 and to add recommendation 2.4 as shown below in ***bold italics***

2.2 That the committee authorises officers to enter into formal agreements with event organisers to determine conditions, fees and levels of support as appropriate, ***and welcome the scheduled officer report to the next committee meeting that considers the implications of applying an Environmental Impact Charge to all commercial events in line with the decision made at the Tourism, Development & Culture Committee meeting on 7 March 2019.***

2.3 That the committee authorises the Executive Director, Economy, Environment & Culture, after consultation with the Chair of the committee and opposition spokespersons, to make any alterations to the events programme as necessary and to approve new applications in accordance with the Outdoor Events Policy, ***and:***

2.4 That the committee requests that in light of this council's pledge to become carbon neutral, that all new applications that involve the display or racing of vehicles with a combustion engine are brought item by item to committee for

- 27.4 The proposed amendment had been proposed by Councillor Rainey and seconded by Councillor Ebel and they spoke in support of their proposed amendments. It was stressed that whilst not against events involving vehicles with internal combustion engines they did consider that issues relating to the climate emergency did need to be addressed.
- 27.5 The Chair stated that due to deadlines in processing applications it may not always be possible for applications to come to Committee direct and it might be necessary for them to be dealt with under urgency powers. He was also of the view that with increased use of electrically powered vehicles, the number of such applications was likely to abate.
- 27.6 Councillors, Nemeth Mears and Simon stated that they did not feel able to support the proposed amendment. Events on Madeira Drive generated a lot of interest in the city

and generated income for local businesses and it would be a mistake to potentially alienate individuals, the city needed to be inclusive.

27.7 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Committee grants Landlord’s consent for each of the proposed events on Madeira Drive and the associated road closures as listed in Appendix 1 to the report;

(2) That the committee authorises officers to enter into formal agreements with event organisers to determine conditions, fees and levels of support as appropriate, and requests an officer report to the next committee meeting that considers the implications of applying an Environmental Impact Charge to all commercial events in line with the decision made at the Tourism, Development and Culture and Culture Committee meeting on 7 March 2019;

(3) That the Committee authorises the Executive Director, Economy, Environment and Culture, after consultation with the Chair of the committee and opposition spokespersons, to make any alterations to the events programme as necessary and to approve new applications in accordance with the Outdoor Events Policy; and

(4) That the Committee requests that in light of this council’s pledge to become carbon neutral, that all new applications that involve the display or racing of vehicles with a combustion engine are brought item by item to committee for consideration.

28 OUTDOOR EVENTS - PARKS AND OPEN SPACES 2020

28.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director, Economy, Environment and Culture, seeking approval for landlord’s consent for each of the proposed events in parks and open spaces in 2020.

28.2 It was noted that many of the events listed in Appendix 1 to the report had taken place before and had retained their traditional place in the calendar of outdoor events. Notwithstanding this as a balanced approach was required to prevent overuse of these areas, Appendix 1 also showed the range of spaces and sites where events were proposed to take place. Several new or amended event applications for 2020 and these were also summarised in the report.

28.3 In answer to question, it was explained that a sliding scale of charges was levied dependent on whether the event related to a charitable or other use. Those mounting events were also responsible for the costs of clear up afterwards as well.

28.4 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Committee grants landlord’s consent for each of the proposed events listed in Appendix 1 to the report;

(2) That the Committee authorises officers to enter into formal agreements with event organisers to determine conditions, fees and levels of support as appropriate; and

(3) That the Committee authorises the Executive Director, Economy, Environment and Culture, after consultation with the Chair of the committee and opposition spokespersons, to make any alterations to the events programme as necessary and to approve new applications in accordance with the Outdoor Events Policy.

29 ITEMS REFERRED FOR FULL COUNCIL

29.1 There were none.

The meeting concluded at 6.30pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

