

Brighton & Hove City Council

Council

Agenda Item 18

Subject: Kingsway to the Sea

Date of meeting: 21 July 2022

Report of: Executive Director Economy Environment & Culture

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Ward(s) affected: All

1. **Action required of Council:** To receive the report and draft minutes for information.
2. **Recommendation:** To note the report

Brighton & Hove City Council

Policy & Resources Committee

4.00pm 7 July 2022

Hove Town Hall - Council Chamber

Minutes

Present: Councillor Mac Cafferty (Chair) Druitt (Joint Deputy Chair), Gibson (Joint Deputy Chair), Allcock (Joint Opposition Spokesperson), Evans, McNair, Yates, Moonan, Shanks and Peltzer Dunn

Also present: Dr Anusree Biswas Sasidharan, Standing Invitee

Part One

20 KINGSWAY TO THE SEA

- 20.1 The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director Economy, Environment & Culture which provided an update on progress with the design and requested authorisation to proceed with submission of a Planning application.
- 20.2 Cllr Yates said that he, and other members of this committee, were also members of the Planning Committee and asked if he agreed with recommendations in the report whether there was a risk that he would be prejudicing any decision which would have to be made if the matter later came to the Planning Committee. The Monitoring Officer said that when members made decisions at different committees, they were wearing different hats, and today you would be making a decision as a landlord and not as a planning authority. He recommended that any members of the planning committee say either during today's debate or if the matter came to the planning committee at that meeting that you will consider any application on its own merits and you will approach it with an open mind.
- 20.3 Councillor Peltzer Dunn asked for clarity on which part of the ward of South Portslade was geographically included in the scheme. The Executive Director Economy Environment & Culture said that the reference to South Portslade related to the users of the park and those most affected rather than a geographic reference.
- 20.4. Councillor Peltzer Dunn said that the consultation had shown that further consideration could be very useful, and therefore proposed the following amendments to Recommendation 2.2 which would allow for members to see if there were any further comments before the final application were submitted:

Amendment 1 (western pitch and putt lawn)

2.2 Agrees that a Planning application for the Kingsway to the Sea site is submitted to include the elements listed in 3.1 below subject to prior consultation with a panel formed of three Councillors (one from each of the three parties represented on Policy & Resources Committee) of proposals for the western pitch and putt lawn following concerns being raised about over-intensification and destruction of green space by residents, dog-walkers, local amenity societies and other groups.

Amendment 2 (outdoor gym)

2.2 Agrees that a Planning application for the Kingsway to the Sea site is submitted to include the elements listed in 3.1 below along with a dedicated space for a new outdoor gym.

Amendment 3 (tennis provision)

2.2 Agrees that a Planning application for the Kingsway to the Sea site is submitted to include the elements listed in 3.1 below subject to prior consultation with a panel formed of three Councillors (one from each of the three parties represented on Policy & Resources Committee) of the make-up of racket sport provision on the site.

- 20.5 Councillor McNair formally seconded the amendment which would ensure that the consultation process continued up until the planning stage.
- 20.6 Councillor Moonan noted that a large number of public consultations had been held and the public had been fully engaged, and this design took into account the needs of all groups and provided a balance between sports facilities, recreation and open space. With regard to the amendment, if the consultation were to continue then all representative groups would need to be included and it would be inappropriate to allow some groups to have further discussions and therefore the Labour Group could not support the amendment.
- 20.7 Councillor Shanks said that the Green Group would not support the amendment and that the Planning Committee would be reviewing the matter in due course and that would be an opportunity for members of the public to raise any further issues.
- 20.8 The Committee voted on the amendments and they were not agreed.
- 20.9 RESOLVED:** That the Committee –
- (i) Agreed in principle to the development of the area shown in Appendix 1 Site Map, as outlined in this report;
 - (ii) Agreed that a Planning application for the Kingsway to the Sea site is submitted to include the elements listed in 3.1 below;
 - (iii) Approved a revised capital budget of £12.99m including £1.000 million additional borrowing as set out in paragraph 3.27 and Section 7 of this report;

- (iv) Authorised the Executive Director Economy, Environment & Culture to procure and award contracts necessary to deliver the project and enter into any legal agreements required to facilitate the works;
- (v) Agreed that a further report on the status of the project is brought back to the Policy and Resources Committee in December 2022 in advance of construction commencing on site.