

Minutes of the meeting of the Service & Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 16th September 2024.

Present: Councillor D Reynolds in the Chair
Councillors K Ambrosini, S Luckhurst, W Keal, A Turner, A Farlow, M Johnson, S Townsend, D Bell, R A Bell, D L Mather, S Quinn and P Quinn.

SA 24/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors G Mather, H M Hanratty, N Hanratty and D Childs.

SA 25/24 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SA 26/24 Members’ Dispensations

No written requests for dispensations had been received.

SA 27/24 Civic Hall Financial Performance

Members were provided with the Civic Hall Financial Performance report for the month of August which indicated both bar and food sales were materially above budget resulting in an overall underspend of £11.5k against budget for the month.

For the year to date the overall financial performance indicated an underspend of £9.5k.

Recommended that the report be received.

SA 28/24 Civic Hall Managers Report

The Civic Hall Manager presented a report to Members and advised that the new lounge furniture was to be delivered during September.

The Manager further advised that two companies had been approached to provide quotes for external shutters at the Civic Hall and a report would be presented to Members at a future meeting.

Members were informed of Christmas functions to be held at the Civic Hall during December.

Recommended that the verbal report be received.

SA 29/24 Durham County Council: Planning Applications

Members considered the following planning application:-

- a. Erection of 50no. affordable dwellings (Class C3) with associated access and landscape works (Amended 05.08.2024) at land to the North of Redworth Business Park Redworth Road Shildon.

Recommended that the following comments be submitted to Durham County

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- That a 30 mph zone extension be introduced for Redworth Road down to the A6072 roundabout.
- That issues noted with carriageway surface water within the development site and outstanding issues contained in the LLFA response on 27th August, 2024 be addressed.
- Minimal impact on neighbouring properties and that hedge and buffer zone was key to existing properties.

SA 30/24 Durham County Council: Planning Decisions

Recommended that the decisions taken since the last meeting of the Committee be noted.

SA 31/24 Memorial Seat : Hackworth Park, Shildon

The Town Clerk informed Members of a request received to site a memorial bench within Hackworth Park, Shildon to be located near to the Bandstand and Drinking Fountain in memorial of a young person from Shildon.

Recommended that:

- a. the report be received.
- b. permission be granted for a memorial bench to be located within Hackworth Park, Shildon.
- c. the memorial bench, plaque and installation be paid by the applicant.
- d. the preferred style/type of memorial bench together with the inscription on the memorial plaque be approved by the Town Council.
- e. on-going maintenance of the memorial bench be undertaken by the Town Council.

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