

Minutes of the meeting of the Service & Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 10th July 2023.

Present: Councillor D Reynolds in the Chair
Councillors K Ambrosini, J Graham, D Childs, M Johnson, W Keal, R A Nicholson, S Townsend, D L Mather, N Hanratty, H M Hanratty, S Quinn and P Quinn.

SA 19/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors G Mather, D Bell and A Farlow.

SA 20/23 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SA 21/23 Members' Dispensations

No written requests for dispensations had been received.

SA 22/23 Civic Hall Financial Performance

Members were provided with the Civic Hall Financial Performance report for the month of June which indicated both bar and food sales exceeded budget and whilst costs also exceeded budget the net financial performance for the month was £3.5k better than the net budget for the month. Overall, for the year to date the Civic Hall performance was almost £11.5k better than the budget.

Recommended that the report be received.

SA 23/23 Civic Hall Managers Report

The Civic Hall Manager presented a verbal report and updated Members on the 50th Birthday celebrations of the Civic Hall and of the Big Brass Bash event. The Christmas day menu and Christmas party nights were being finalised.

Recommended that the report be received.

SA 24/23 Durham County Council: Planning Applications

Recommended that no comment be made on the following applications: -

- a. Proposed rear single storey extension and box dormer extension to rear roof slope at 3 Granville Close, Shildon
- b. Two storey rear extension at 12 Ruskin Avenue, Shildon

SA 25/23 Durham County Council: Planning Decisions

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

Signed
Chairman.....

The Town Clerk provided Members with information on the Football Foundation Playzone Programme which aimed to engage with communities to create outstanding sports and activity spaces and tackle inequalities in participation.

Members were informed that Durham County Council had been successful with an Expression of Interest for 8 – 10 Playzones in County Durham and that the Town Council had been informally approached to consider, in principle, to register an interest in a Playzone within Hackworth Park area.

The Town Clerk advised Members of the potential ongoing maintenance costs if a Playzone was successful for Shildon.

Members voted unanimously in favour of a Playzone for Shildon.

Recommended that:

- a. the Town Council submit an interest to Durham County Council for a potential Playzone within Hackworth Park, Shildon.
- b. the Town Council work in partnership with the County Council to secure 25% match funding towards the capital costs (if successful).
- c. the Town Council work in partnership with the County Council with community engagement which would be critical in the development of the project.

Councillor W Keal left the meeting.

Signed
Chairman.....