A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD WAS HELD ON 27 JUNE 2018 AT 6PM

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Furlong), Councillor Hook (P), Burgess (P), Casey (P), Earle (P), Farr (P), Hammond (P), Herridge (P), Hutchison (P), Mrs Hook (P), Mrs Huggins (P), Hylands (P), Jessop (P), Mrs Jones, Mrs Morgan (P), Murphy (P), Westerby (P)

It was reported that in accordance with Standing Order 2.3.5, Councillors Hook had been nominated to replace Councillors Mrs Jones for this meeting.

7. APOLOGIES

An apology for non attendance was received from Councillor Mrs Jones.

8. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD ON 7 MARCH 2018 AND 17 MAY 2018

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings of the Community Board held on 7 March 2018 and 17 May 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct records.

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

10. DEPUTATIONS

Councillor Bateman requested to speak as ward Councillor on agenda item 6 – Lee-on-the-Solent Splash Park.

11. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

12. LEE ON THE SOLENT SPLASH PARK

Consideration was given advising the board of the proposals for the construction of a new Splash Park in Lee on the Solent and gain board approval for the proposed location.

The Board was advised that it had been possible to allocate £100,000 from the capital programme to install a 'Changing Places' toilet at the splash park to support the use of the splash park and to benefit users of Lee-on-the-Solent.

The Board was advised that the planned renovation of the Discovery Centre included a Changing Places facility, contact had been made with the Disability Forum and the Access Group to establish the requirement in numbers of users of such facility and although the Council was yet to receive a response from the groups, independent research had shown that there was potentially 310 users within the Borough that

required such facility in addition to any visitors that may require them.

The location of the facility would make it accessible to those using the splash park, but also others users of the promenade, it would allow for longer and uninterrupted visits to the seafront without the need to return home providing dignity and suitable facilities.

The Board was advised that there was clear evidence that the facilities were needed and that investigations would also be made to install them at the Alver Valley and as part of the waterfront redevelopment to compliment the ones proposed for the splash park and the one at the Discovery Centre.

Councillor Bateman was invited to address the Board. He advised that he was delighted that the proposals for a splash park in Lee-on-the Solent were underway and that it was not only a testament to the work of the Lee councillors but also the local residents who had worked towards achieving the facility.

He acknowledged that the application was for the siting of the splash park and that this would allow the proposal to go out for design.

He welcomed the facility as an asset to Lee-on-the-Solent, but also to the wider Borough. He also welcomed the inclusion of the changing places and recognised that the facility would be used by those using the High Street as well as the promenade.

In answer to a Member's question, the Board was advised that the proposed design of the splash park would be brought back to the Board.

Members requested that consideration be given to providing some level of shade on the site.

RESOLVED: That the proposed location of the new Splash Park in the northern corner of the Beach Road car park adjacent to the existing Skate Park be approved.

13. PROJECT INTEGRA ACTION PLAN 2018-2021

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Streetscene seeking Board approval for the adoption of the Draft Project Integra Action Plan 2018-2021

Members expressed concern that Gosport had one of the lowest recycling rates in the country and questioned what could be done to improve the rate.

The Board was advised that work was being undertaken to increase rates and that an education programme was ongoing as to educating residents about what could be recycled as contamination of recycled waste meant that it could only be incinerated rather than recycled.

Members were advised that work was ongoing with Hampshire County Council to increase what could be recycled and that the recent article in Coastline had generated a large number of calls from residents engaging and interested in what they could recycle and how to do it correctly.

Members were advised that the figures for the green waste collections were not yet being included in the waste figures and that they would be included in the next year's figures and that in addition the Council did not receive any credit for the paper recycled through the paper banks.

Members expressed concern that there was no kerbside glass collection as in other counties and were advised that Hampshire County Council were responsible for waste disposal and controlled what was collected but that discussions were ongoing to look at other possible collections and to promote the recycling of bulky waste to charity as often it was in good enough condition to be reused.

Members sought clarification as to whether kitchen waste could be placed in the brown bins and it was agreed that this could be clarified to residents moving forward.

The Board was advised that in May 2017 43 tonnes of green waste had been collected and that as a result of the introduction of the green waste recycling brown bins in May 2018, the figure had increased to 130 tonnes.

Members were advised that the schools education scheme ran using the resources of Hampshire County Council.

RESOLVED: That the draft Draft Project Integra Action Plan 2018 – 2021 be approved and that investigations be made into the removal of paper banks in the Borough.

14. CHAIRMAN'S URGENT ITEM

By reason of special circumstances, the Chairman determined that the following item be considered at this meeting notwithstanding the fact that the item had not been available for public inspection in accordance with the provisions of Section 100B(4)(a) of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

The special circumstances were created by the fact it was important to get the consultation underway to ensure that if the proposed allotments were approved following consultation they would be ready in time for the 2019 growing season.

15. MANOR WAY OPEN SPACE

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Streetscene seeking approval to carry out a public consultation regarding the use of the open space at Manor Way, Lee-on-the-Solent.

In answer to a Member's question, the Board was advised that there was still an ongoing legal issue in relation to the removal of knotweed from the site.

Members welcomed that the proposal would provide additional allotments for Lee on the Solent as the waiting list was particularly large.

RESOLVED: That the Head of Streetscene be authorised to carry out a public consultation.

16. ANY OTHER ITEMS

There were none.

The meeting concluded at 18.27

CHAIRMAN