

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS BOARD (LEISURE, CAR PARKS AND MARKETS) HELD AT FOLLATON HOUSE, TOTNES ON TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2006

MEMBERS

* Cllr P W Hitchins – Chairman

* Cllr P H Cook – Vice-Chairman

∅ Cllr B C Evans

* Cllr G H W Rosevear

* Cllr M C Ramsay

* Denotes attendance

∅ Denotes apology for absence

In attendance and participating:
Cllr D W May

Officers in attendance:

All Agenda Items: Head of Business Development, Head of Landscape and Leisure, Leisure Centres Manager, Street Scene Manager, Business Development Manager and Principal Accountant

BBL.08/06 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Business Board (Leisure, Car Parks and Markets) held on 13 September 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

BBL.09/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare any interests in the items of business to be considered during the course of the meeting but none was made.

BBL.10/06 URGENT BUSINESS

The Chairman informed the Board that he had one item of urgent business to raise at the meeting, relating to the imminent transfer of the leisure centres. The Head of Landscape and Leisure delivered a scoping report on the recent leisure transfer to Tone Leisure South Hams Limited.

In discussion, particular reference was made to:-

- a) the monitoring arrangements being in place for the next ten years;

- b) the anticipation that Tone Leisure South Hams Limited would report quarterly performance indicators to the Board on a "Balance Score Card" basis, with the aim of maintaining at least a 65% rating under the QUEST accreditation;
- c) the Council is in receipt of a service and development plan from Tone Leisure South Hams Limited by March 2007;
- d) Tone Leisure South Hams Limited's commitment to improvement in the areas of health and safety, the environment and development of an outreach plan.

RESOLVED

The Committee welcomed the report and noted its contents.

BBL.11/06 MONITORING REPORTS

Members considered a report which provided information on financial, operational quality and staffing performance on each area within the remit of the Business Board.

During discussion, particular reference was made to:

- a) less staff sickness in comparison to the previous equivalent quarter in 2005;
- b) leisure centre attendance being as expected;
- c) works due to commence on South Dartmoor Leisure Centre's swimming pool in December 2006 and removal of the jacuzzi;
- d) a slight reduction in income generated by car park charges in town centres, possibly due to an increase in bus and coach usage;
- e) the Totnes Southern Area development and the consequent loss of car parking spaces and the difficulty district wide in finding suitable land to use as car parking areas;
- f) increased revenue being gained from pannier markets;
- g) the Board's request to receive reports on the profitability of the various Farmer's Markets in the district.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Business Board **RECOMMENDS** to the Executive that :-

The Business Board has examined the overall performance of the Leisure Centres and Car Parks and Pannier Markets and has found them to be satisfactory subject to any comments as detailed above.

(Meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 3.30 pm).

Chairman