

## REPORT OF LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE

(Meeting held 9 March 1999)

### 1. GRANT AID APPLICATIONS (REPORT A) (MINUTE NO 82).

The Committee agreed the following Grant Aid Applications:-

Applicant	Revenue Grant £
Nuffield Theatre, Southampton	1,700
South and West Concerts Board (Bournemouth Orchestra)	8,221
Southern Arts Board	3,988
Turner Sims Concert Hall	1,600
Salisbury Playhouse	1,600
Business in the Arts (South)	1,600
ArtSway	15,300
Waterside Arts	3,000
Avon Valley Concerts	1,850
Ninth Centenary Trust	5,800
New Forest Pre-School Learning Alliance	1,050
Lymington and New Milton Pre-School Learning Alliance	1,050
Ringwood and District Pre-School Learning Alliance	2,750
Forest Bus	2,900
New Forest (East) Sports Council (1999/00 Annual Operations)	150
New Forest (East) Sports Council (Top Up Grant Aid Fund)	3,600
New Forest (South) Sports Council (1999/00 Annual Operations)	450
New Forest (South) Sports Council (1999/00 Top Up Grant Aid Fund)	2,300
New Forest (West) Sports Council (1999/00 Annual Operations)	1,130
New Forest (West) Sports Council (1999/00 Top Up Grant Aid Fund)	2,100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£62,139</b>

The Committee also agreed to transfer the responsibility for making all sports awards to individuals to the Local Sports Councils.

### 2. LYMINGTON RECREATION CENTRE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS (REPORT E) (MINUTE NO. 86).

Members have considered a further report on management arrangements for the Lymington Recreation Centre, and for the period prior to the establishment of the Management Board.

It has been agreed that the Shadow Management Board outlined in the report to the Committee meeting held on 5 January 1999 be established as a Joint Working Party with immediate effect.

This is necessary as it has been more difficult than anticipated to put in place arrangements which were suitable to all parties. It was explained to the Committee that it was important that meetings should not be subject to the restrictions of the Local Government Act 1972, so that partners could discuss matters informally and freely.

It was agreed that the membership of the Working Party would comprise:-

Two District Councillors - Chairman of Leisure Services Committee and one local member

Two Governors of Priestlands School

One member representing Lymington and Pennington Town Council

One local County Councillor

The Committee has agreed that the members appointed at Policy and Resources Committee on 3 February 1999 as this Council's representatives on the Shadow Management Board (Chairman of Leisure Services Committee and Cllr McGeorge) be re-appointed as the Council's representatives on the Working Party.

### **3. HOLBURY HALL, FAWLEY (REPORT I) (MINUTE NO. 90).**

The Committee has considered a request from Fawley Parish Council for financial assistance towards the repair and upkeep of Holbury Hall.

The local member spoke in support of the request and the hall's importance to the local community. It was explained that the windows were in a poor state of repair and were leaking.

The officers pointed out that the onus for repairs was on the Parish Council, but members felt the District Council as leaseholder had a moral obligation to provide assistance if parts of the hall were unsafe.

Accordingly, officers were requested to investigate this matter and, if necessary, refer this item to Policy and Resources Committee, with appropriate recommendations.

### **4. TOTTON RECREATION CENTRE - PHASE II - REPORT ON OVER-EXPENDITURE (REPORT J) (MINUTE NO. 91).**

The Committee has noted a summary of the independent consultants' report on the over-expenditure in respect of Phase II at Totton Recreation Centre, the main points of which are set out below:-

- The project had been handed over to the client on programme.
- The project cost had over-run by 6% which it was felt was at the high end of an acceptable range.
- The Final Account agreed with Hall and Tawse at £883,000 (incorporating a significant number of extra works), was within £9,000 of the second lowest tender.
- The overspend amounted to £36,000 but the consultants' report noted that from their experience on projects of this kind, they considered that the final price paid by the Council still represented good value for money.

CHAIRMAN

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