REPORT OF LEISURE PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE AND REVIEW PANEL

(Meeting held 9 January 2001)

1. OUTLINE WORK PROGRAMME (REPORT A) (MINUTE NO. 14)

The Panel has considered its proposed Work Programme, and has noted that it will have a role in cross-cutting Best Value Reviews, where the levels of involvement will be dictated by the subject matter.

Appropriate partners and service providers will be invited to attend meetings concerned with the Panel's areas of interest. Financial monitoring information will also be provided.

RECOMMENDED:

That the work programme attached at Appendix 1 to this report be adopted as the basis of the work of the Panel for the year 2001/02.

3. LEISURE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES: NEW ARRANGEMENTS (REPORT E) (MINUTE NO. 18)

Members have considered proposals for new consultative arrangements for the Recreation Centres, Dibden Golf Centre and Keyhaven River, as part of the Council's modernising agenda. The Advisory Cabinet had already considered and supported the proposals.

These are based on the principle of holding a series of Customer Focus Groups throughout the year to include key stakeholders such as schools or colleges, local sports representatives, town, parish and district councillors and any other agencies with particular interests. In addition to these sessions, there will be a more formal annual meeting to comment on development proposals on the Action and Business Plans for the forthcoming year.

Some Members felt that the proposals would not meet the democratic requirements of the Recreation Centres. However, it was widely recognised that attendance by members of existing Consultative Committees (including District Councillors) fell far short of the ideal.

Members of the Panel felt that the Keyhaven River and Dibden Golf Centre Consultative Committees were more successful because they generated a higher level of interest among users than the Recreation Centre Consultative Committees. Thus, it was important to ensure that whatever system was in place attempted to engage a wider range of users on a larger number of topics of interest.

The Panel recognised that both Dibden and Keyhaven offered an opportunity for a larger number of users to attend. It is felt that the proposal for Focus Groups would engender much wider public input.

The Panel has supported the suggested arrangements for consultation, subject to seeking the views of those organisations and individuals involved in the current Consultative Committee arrangements. The Panel has asked that further work be done building on the success of existing consultative arrangements for Keyhaven and the Dibden Golf Centre.

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CHAIRMAN

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WORK PROGRAMME ELEMENTS FOR 2001/02

BEST VALUE: REVIEWS IN YEAR 1 OF THE PROGRAMME

Recreation Centres: Verification team

Leisure Development: Verification team

Subsequent reviews of leisure packages in the years that follow.

The Panel is also likely to have a part to play in Cross Cutting issues, in the case of year 1: Crime and Disorder Review and Health Review.

ACTION PLANS

Tourism service

And post Review - recreation centres

STRATEGY

On your marks – overall leisure strategy

Our Future Together – review of tourism strategy

RESEARCH STUDIES

Recreation Centre Benchmarking

TASK WORK PROGRAMME

Twice a year review of the Strategy work programme

CORPORATE REQUIREMENTS

Fees and Charges

Expenditure Plans

Community Planning

National Park

Dibden Bay

JANUARY

Suggested Outline Work Plan

Recreation Centres Options Review

Fees and Charges

Leisure Consultative Committees: New Arrangements

Expenditure Plans

MARCH

Best Value Review of Recreation Centres

Tourism Service: Action Plan

Leisure Development: scoping

"On Your Marks" - results of consultation and consideration of the Cultural Strategy.

JUNE

Annual report on performance and 2000/01 Service Action Plan

Recreation Centre benchmarking study: report of outcomes

Review of service option for recreation centres: Trust status

SEPTEMBER

Review of service option of recreation centres: Private sector

Draft revision of "Our Future Together"

OCTOBER

Review of all service options for recreation centres

Best Value review of Leisure Development

Half-year review of performance

AND AT MEETINGS AS REQUIRED:

Review of the overall Service Action Plan for the current year

Review of topics considered Cabinet as they arise - for example National Park.