MINUTES OF THE CHEADLE TOWN COUNCIL LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2023.

381. PRESENT – Councillors Mrs. P Upton (Chair), I.W. Plant (Vice Chair), G. Bentley, D Wilson and S. Ellis

382. APOLOGIES – Councillors B. Charlesworth and Mrs K. Mills, and for absence P. Routledge, Miss Z. Routledge and R. Talbot

383. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G. Bentley declared an interest in the Confidential Item as he is known to most local contractors.

384. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None

385. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MONDAY 16th OCTOBER 2023

Approved and confirmed as a correct record.

RESOLVED ITEMS

386. OUTSIDE PROJECT – MEMBERS TO CONSIDER LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO SUPPORT STAFFORDSHIRE FOR SKATE PARK MURAL

The Deputy Clerk reported that the Mural paintings on the Skate Park had been continuing over recent weeks and asked Members to approve a letter of appreciation once the works had been completed. This was agreed by Members who passed on their thanks for the works that had been done, and the improvement to the Skate Park as a result.

387. SLA MEETING UPDATE (RESOLVED ITEM)

Councillor Mrs P. Upton provided Members with an update on the most recent meeting with AES, and confirmed that AES representatives had identified issues with the grass-cutting service due to faulty machinery and adverse weather which had caused difficulty in mowing. If staffing levels and weather conditions are suitable, it was agreed that there would be an early cut to the 2024 season to compensate for this. It was confirmed that the faulty machinery has now been serviced and will be ready for the following season. AES confirmed that they do not have a roller to complete the works requested on the Tean Road football pitch, however this facility may be available in future. It was suggested that the Lengthsman could undertake this work, and a quote is to be provided for consideration by the Committee and confirmation as to the appropriate rolling process needs to be determined.

ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL

388. PLAY EQUIPMENT UPDATE & INSPECTION REPORTS

The timber equipment on the Churchill Road Recreation Ground was deferred to the next meeting in order to allow some time for Cllr G. Bentley to source further information. The Cobra Seat and the Swing Saturn on the Tean Road Recreation have been reported as requiring worn links to be replaced, and this has been done. The trampoline on the

same site has received drainage works in order to rectify the amounts of water that are retained in the hollow space under the trampoline, however these have been unsuccessful and it was recommended that this piece of equipment was taken out of commission on the grounds of Health & Safety. The equipment is currently fenced off and unusable by the public, and therefore there is a priority requirement for Full Council to approve this recommendation. It was suggested that the hollow space could be back-filled under the SLA agreement, however there may be a requirement to remove the existing frame prior to this work being completed. As a result of the recommendation to decommission the trampoline, the Committee put forward a further recommendation to accept the quotes received from HAGS Play Equipment for the two roundabouts that are currently identified as requiring investigation, however it was agreed that a Member of the Leisure & Operations Committee would be present when this work was carried out.

ACTION PLAN – ITEMS FOR UPDATE AND PROGRESSION

None

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

389. <u>CONTRACT FOR HYGIENE FACILITIES TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND</u>

Members agreed to accept the 2 sanitary units under a 12 month contract and accepted the quote from B-Hygienic in respect of this.

390. <u>QUOTES FOR THE TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND PROJECTS – COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS QUOTES FOR RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL</u>

Cllr G. Bentley left Chambers, having declared an interest on the item. The remaining Members and the Deputy Clerk then opened the sealed envelopes containing quotes from three local Contractors as per Financial Regulations. It was noted that one of the quotes had been received via e-mail, however the content had not been viewed or disseminated prior to the meeting in terms of specification or figures. Given the lack of Members who attended the meeting, it was agreed that the Chair and Vice-Chair would review the quotes in detail, and then bring them back to the Committee once the particulars of each quote had been scrutinised.

There being no further business the meeting was brought to a close.

Signed…….