MINUTES OF THE CHEADLE TOWN COUNCIL LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19th OCTOBER 2026

301. PRESENT – Councillors Mrs P. Upton (Chair), I.W. Plant (Vice Chair), S. Ellis, Z. Routledge, J. Jervis, D. Wilson, S. Walley, A.Thomas and G Bentley.

302. APOLOGIES – Councillors T. Durose and K. Mills – ABSENT – Cllr L Bentley

303. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillors J. Jervis and G. Bentley declared an interest in matters relating to the Football Changing Rooms due to their acquaintance with the contractor.

304. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS – None

305. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None

306. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2026

Approved and confirmed as a correct record of the meeting.

307. COMMUNITY REASSURANCE UPDATE – IF ANY

Cllr P Upton advised the committee that there is no funding available. It was noted that the Finance & Resources Committee have submitted a Freedom of Interest seeking clarification as to why there is no funding been allocated to Cheadle.

308. ASSET TRACKER UPDATE/REVIEW OF ACTION PLAN

The Committee reviewed the current status of asset-related actions.

All outstanding action were updated and the quotes were discussed under confidential for the football changing rooms.

The pavilion clock is awaiting a frame Cllr Plant is speaking with Lee Trumble for the required.

The Park Rules template Cllr up ton present as a draft version was approved by the Committee.

309. CHURCHILL ROAD PROJECT – UPDATE

Councillor P. Upton updated the Committee on the next stage of the toilet development project. The Committee agreed that unisex toilet facilities would not be a preferred option and supported the provision of separate male and female facilities. Members further recommended that the opening arrangements mirror those currently in place at Tean Road Recreation Ground. The potential future installation of electrically operated gates and electronic locking systems for the toilet facilities was discussed and will be explored further.

310. UPDATE ON CHEADLE CEMETERY EXTENSION

Cllr I Plant updated the committee that all relevant information has been submitted to the planning authority and SWT and awaiting correspondence on this to resolve the conditions for the planning application.

311. COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR LEGACY PLAN FOR SMDC ENGAGEMENT

The Committee will continue to consider proposals that may benefit from this initiative.

312. ROSPA PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

The Committee reviewed the recently received ROSPA inspection reports. It was agreed that the highlighted issues would be reviewed by the Clerk, the Playground Officer and AES, who will provide cost estimates for any required works.

Main Actions:

- Skatepark: Bencrete, who undertook the most recent repairs, have been contacted. It was further agreed to approach Clerk & Kent, who constructed the Pump Track, to inspect and review the Skatepark. The Clerk will also speak with Angela Dale regarding any potential warranty claims.
- Quotations for additional railings are to be obtained from Lee Trumble and IAE.

313. COMMITTEE TO REVIEW OBJECTIVES FOR THS YEAR AND MAKE PREPERATIONS FOR BUDGET CONSDIERATIONS FOR 2027-2028

The budget preparations will be considered as part of the maintenance plans which will them form part of the long-term financial plan. These will be available for the next meeting and any remedial works following the play inspections and the potential for Churchill Road, CCTV electric gates etc.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

314. ASSET TRACKER UPDATE

The Committee reviewed 2 quotes received to carry out the repairs following vandalism and approved the quote received RB joinery.

315. APPROVAL OF THE FINAL VERSION OF THE SLA

The Committee considered the final version of the Service Level Agreement and recommended that it be signed, noting that the Council is currently in the second year of the service arrangement. Members were advised that six months' notice is required should the Council wish to terminate the contract. To recommend to Full Council that a full procurement exercise be undertaken for the service on a like-for-like basis, with consideration also given to the feasibility of dividing the contract into separate service elements

316. UPDATE ON CHEADLE TOWN COUNCIL ALLOTMENTS

The Committee was advised that the landowner has served notice requiring the allotment site to be vacated by September 2027. The Deputy Clerk has met with allotment holders and informed them that the Town Council is working with the landowner regarding a potential purchase of the site. The Deputy Clerk has also met with a land and property agent to establish a market valuation of the land. A second valuation had been proposed; however, given the estimated cost of approximately £650 per valuation, the Committee agreed that one professional valuation would be sufficient at this stage. The Committee is awaiting the valuation from the landowner. Once received, the Council will need to consider the viability of a purchase and explore potential funding arrangements.

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317. <u>COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE QUOTES AND THE SECURITY MEASURES ON TEAN ROAD</u>

The Committee reviewed the quotes received again and it was agreed not to move forward with the project as they felt this wasn't the most effective and cost-effective option.

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

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