



Cabinet 15 September 2010

Recommendations from Haverhill Area Working Party: 29 July 2010 (Sep10/04)

Cabinet Member: Cllr Anne Gower *Chairman of the Working Party:*
Cllr Adam Whittaker

1. Haverhill Player Development Centre (Report B148)

RECOMMENDED:- That:-

- (1) *the Haverhill Player Development Centre be established and commence in the 2010/2011 football season as a means of delivering the development targets contained in the funding agreement for the Haverhill Community Football Project;***
- (2) *Abbeycroft Leisure contract Suffolk County Football Association to carry out the Development Centre work; and***
- (3) (a) *an element of the management fee from the Borough Council to Abbeycroft Leisure that was formerly used to fund the Haverhill Football School, as detailed in Section 4.6 of Report B148, now be used to fund the Player Development Centre; and***
(b) *this position be kept under annual review.*

The establishment of the Player Development Centre at Haverhill Community Sports Association, Chalkstone Way is to help achieve development targets contained in the funding agreement for the Haverhill Community Football Project. The Project was handed over to Haverhill Community Sports Association in June 2010 and officially opened in August 2010.

The Player Development Centre will provide coaching for under 18s, under 16s, women and girls, disabled players and train future coaches by offering the opportunity for players and coaches of all abilities to improve their skills by implementing the Football Association's Skills Programme. The principal objectives of the programme were detailed in Section 4.4.2 of Report B148. Participation and performance of the Centre will be reported to the new Haverhill Community Sports Partnership, the monitoring body for the new Haverhill Community Sports Association.

The Borough Council makes an annual contribution towards the cost of the existing Football School in Haverhill via the management fee allocated to Abbeycroft Leisure. Abbeycroft Leisure currently awards a £17,000 grant to the Football School, which presently funds one youth team and coach. This funding will instead be allocated to the new Player Development Centre and Suffolk County Football Association will be contracted directly by Abbeycroft Leisure to manage the programme. The funding arrangement will be kept under annual review.

2. Markets Review (Report B144)

(This report was also considered by the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party on 27 July 2010, see agenda item 13(a).)

RECOMMENDED:-

That the recommendations as detailed in Section 4 of the Markets Review, attached as Appendix A to Report B144, be adopted as the basis for future action.

In order to facilitate future growth and development of the provisions markets in St Edmundsbury, the Cabinet directed that a review of the markets service be undertaken and that the National Association of British Markets Authorities (NABMA) be engaged to undertake this review.

For the review to be successful extensive consultation was undertaken with various stakeholders including market traders, users and non-users of the service, Chambers of Commerce, retailers, Town Centre Management, Town Councils, Members and officers.

NABMA has now completed the full review of the service and together with collating feedback gained through workshops and written representations, it has completed a report which incorporates recommendations for future service improvements. This report was attached as Appendix A to Report B144.

The Working Party was informed of the feedback from the stakeholders' consultation meeting held immediately prior to the meeting. The recommendations had been fully supported although concern was expressed by three attendees regarding the effect of the proposed relocation of the market to the High Street on Fridays with particular reference to access for blue badge holders, the width of the road and disabled access generally.

The Working Party supported the findings of the review and considered the recommendations contained in Appendix A were acceptable and reasonable. Particular reference was given to the recommendations connected specifically with the Haverhill markets.