

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Charity Trustee Sub-Committee

Meeting held 9 September 2024

PRESENT: Councillors Richard Williams (Chair), Fran Belbin (Deputy Chair), Christine Gilligan Kubo (Group Spokesperson) and Mike Chaplin

18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

18.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kurtis Crossland.

19. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

19.2 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

20.1 There were no declarations of interest.

21. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

21.1 The Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 16 July 2024 were approved as a correct record.

22. PUBLIC PETITIONS, QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

22.1 No petitions, questions or statements were received from members of the public.

23. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

23.1 No questions were received from Members of the Sub-Committee.

24. WORK PROGRAMME

24.1 The Principal Democratic Services Officer submitted a report containing the Sub-Committee's Work Programme which detailed all known, substantive agenda items for forthcoming meetings of the Sub-Committee to enable the Sub-Committee, other Committees, officers, partners and the public to plan their work with and for the Sub-Committee.

24.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Charity Trustee Sub-Committee:-

1. agrees the Sub-Committee's work programme, as set out in Appendix 1, including any additions and amendments identified in Paragraph 4 of the report and any agreed by Members at the meeting; and
2. notes any referrals from Council and Committees (petition and resolutions) detailed in Paragraph 2 of the report and agrees the proposed responses

set out.

25. UPDATE ON THE ROSE GARDEN CAFÉ

25.1 The Project Manager, together with Chris Hallam (Chair of the Rose Garden Café Partnership), presented the report which provided an update on the progress made by the Rose Garden Café Partnership (Friends of Graves Park, Save the Rose Garden Café Campaign and Sheffield City Council) on the recommendations approved by the Charity Trustee Sub-Committee on 18 October 2023.

25.2 Members were informed that an initial business case had been drafted for the RIBA Stage 2 design for the refurbishment of the café, the initial programme forecasted the RIBA Stage 2 design to be completed in December 2024. The Sub-Committee agreed that the next update on the Rose Garden Café should be deferred to the Sub-Committee meeting in January 2025 so that progress on the Stage 2 design could be reported back to the Sub-Committee.

25.3 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Charity Trustee Sub-Committee:-

1. notes the progress made towards the actions agreed in the October 2023 report;
2. agrees to receive a further report on 21 January 2025 on progress towards the establishing of funding sources as agreed in the October 2023 report;
3. notes that further updates and decisions will be taken to the appropriate Committee as required; and
4. supports the Partnership to begin to establish funds for the full restoration and refurbishment at an initial cost estimate of £2,000,000.

25.4 Reasons for Decision

25.4.1 As per 18 October 2023 Committee report we believe that the recommendation to develop a restoration approach in partnership with stakeholders is currently the only viable option to achieving all the following:

- Align with the charitable objectives of the Graves Park Charity.
- Meet the initial commissioning brief objectives:
Objective 1 - 'improve facilities for the city'.
Objective 2 - 'maximise revenue for each facility'.
- Provide a café in Graves Park.

25.5 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

25.5.1 Alternative Option 1:

This report was produced to provide an update on progress made towards the recommendations made in the Rose Garden Café 18 October 2023 report. The

only alternative option would have been to not produce an update report in July and wait for the next committee meeting, which was discounted by Officers.

26. ENDCLIFFE PARK - ICE CREAM VAN TENDER 2025

26.1 The Business Manager (Parks and Countryside) presented a report seeking approval to go out to the market for an ice cream operator for Endcliffe Park.

26.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Charity Trustee Sub-Committee:-

1. approves the proposal to go out to the market for an ice cream operator for Endcliffe Park based on the principles outlined within this report; and
2. notes that a recommendation will be brought back to the Sub-Committee following the tender process for approval to enter into a licence arrangement with the recommended operator.

26.3 Reasons for Decision

26.3.1 The selling of ice cream contributes to the objects of the charity, providing amenities within recreation/pleasure grounds for use by the public. It has also become an expected part of visitors park experience.

Generating an income allows the council as sole trustee to support the management and maintenance of the park and in turn contribute to the charity objects.

26.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

26.4.1 Alternative Option 1

Do nothing – there is the option to not re-tender the ice cream pitch. This would mean there would be no provision for this type of offer within the park and would impact on the rental income for the charity.

26.4.2 Alternative Option 2

Go out to the market on the same terms as the last tender i.e. 3 years:

- This would make it difficult for the operators to justify the investment in greener technology and thus recoup their investment.
- Lack of focus on greener technology will minimise our ability to change the environmentally negative operations on site.
- Lack of focus demonstrates misalignment with wider city goals and ambitions, could lead to reputational risk.

27. GRAVES PARK - ICE CREAM VAN TENDER 2025

27.1 The Business Manager (Parks and Countryside) presented a report seeking approval to go out to the market for an ice cream operator for Graves Park.

27.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Charity Trustee Sub-Committee:-

1. approves the proposal to go out to the market for an ice cream operator for Graves Park based on the principles outlined within this report; and
2. notes that a recommendation will be brought back to the committee following the tender process for the approval to enter into a licence arrangement with the recommended operator.

27.3 Reasons for Decision

- 27.3.1 The selling of ice cream contributes to the objects of the charity, providing amenities within recreation/pleasure grounds for use by the public. It has also become an expected part of visitors park experience.
- 27.3.2 Generating an income allows the council as sole trustee to support the management and maintenance of the park and in turn contribute to the charity objects.

27.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

27.4.1 Alternative Option 1

Do nothing – there is the option to not re-tender the ice cream pitch. This would mean there would be no provision for this type of offer within the park and would impact on the rental income for the charity. This would also negatively impact on the businesses who have been operating within parks.

27.4.2 Alternative Option 2

Go out to the market on the same terms as the last tender i.e. 3 years:

- This would make it difficult for the operators to justify the investment in greener technology and thus recoup their investment.
- Lack of focus on greener technology will minimise our ability to change the environmentally negative operations on site.
- Lack of focus demonstrates misalignment with wider city goals and ambitions, could lead to reputational risk.

28. WESTON PARK - ICE CREAM OPERATOR TENDER 2025

28.1 The Business Manager (Parks and Countryside) presented a report seeking approval to go out to tender for an ice cream operator for Weston Park.

28.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Charity Trustee Sub-Committee:-

1. approves the proposal to go out to the market for an ice cream operator for Weston Park based on the principles outlined within this report; and
2. notes that a recommendation will be brought back to the committee following the tender process for approval to enter into a licence arrangement with the recommended operator.

28.3 **Reasons for Decision**

28.3.1 The selling of ice cream contributes to the objects of the charity, providing amenities within recreation/pleasure grounds for use by the public. It has also become an expected part of visitors park experience.

28.3.2 Generating an income allows the council as sole trustee to support the management and maintenance of the park and in turn contribute to the charity objects.

28.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

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- This would make it difficult for the operators to justify the investment in greener technology and thus recoup their investment.
- Lack of focus on greener technology will minimise our ability to change the environmentally negative operations on site.
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29. **TRAMLINES FESTIVAL 2024 – POST EVENT REPORT**

29.1 The Head of Parks and Countryside presented a report that provided an update on the 2024 Tramlines event, including a summary of the ground protection plan and work to restore Hillsborough Park to pre-festival condition.

29.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Charity Trustee Sub-Committee notes the contents of the report.

29.3 **Reasons for Decision**

29.3.1 Charity Trustee Sub Committee is asked to note the work carried out by Sheffield City Council (SCC) and Tramlines Event Limited (TEL) to protect and restore Hillsborough Park to pre-festival condition.

29.3.2 The recommendations in this report set out that SCC and TEL will continue to work together, informed by customer engagement and feedback from this committee, to ensure the success of the Tramlines Festival and that the festival will remain of benefit to the Hillsborough Park charity.

29.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

29.4.1 Alternative Option 1: Do Nothing

This option was rejected as Committee would not have received a report setting out the impact of the festival on the Hillsborough Park Charity. The Trustees would not be aware of the measures taken by SCC and TEL to protect the Hillsborough Park Charity, from the impacts of the Tramlines Festival.