

Berkhamsted Town Council
BERKHAMSTED SPORTS CENTRE WORKING GROUP
Terms of Reference

1. Title

Berkhamsted Sports Centre Proposals Working Group

2. Status

The working group shall be a working group of the Berkhamsted Town Council reporting directly to the Town Planning Committee.

3. Background

The working group was established at the Town Planning Committee on 20 January 2020 and these terms of reference will be endorsed at the next Full Council meeting.

The decision to establish the Working Party was in response to Dacorum Borough Council's decision to progress proposals to build a new Berkhamsted Sports Centre at Lagley Meadow. At its 13 January 2020 meeting the Town Council discussed the information presented to DBC's Housing Scrutiny and Overview Committee on 8 January which was then referred to DBC's Cabinet on 14 January 2020. A letter dated 14 January was sent to DBC's Chief Executive with copies to Cabinet members on 14 January outlining the Town Council's key concerns, other comments and the need for urgent and regular consultation meetings. DBC's Mark Brooks, Assistant Director – Corporate and Contracted Services, responded the same day to advise that DBC envisaged working very closely with a working group of councillors with whom DBC could consult throughout the project. Once the group of councillors was agreed, dates could be arranged for the first few meetings.

4. Purpose

To provide a forum to agree the Town Council's response to DBC's consultation plans as they evolve and develop.

To influence the finalisation of those plans to reflect the Town Council's aspirations to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030, in line with DBC's sustainability measurements. To influence plans to benefit the people of Berkhamsted whilst minimising the effect on the environment through energy efficiency and use of green technologies and also by protecting the natural environment of Lagley Meadow and the surrounding area.

5. Membership:

The core Working Group will be chaired by Cllr G Stevens and other members will include Cllr A Armytage, Cllr P de Hoest, Cllr P White and Cllr A. Foster.

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Non council membership will also be drawn from other organisations and residents with particular interest and expert knowledge. For example, members of the Energy Working group may fulfil this criteria.

Berkhamsted Citizens Association

Local residents

Chamber of Commerce

Other specialists on an ad hoc basis eg experts in facilities mix and best layout etc.

6. Officer and Administration

Town Clerk and/or Deputy Town Clerk will administer the working group.

Working group members will carry out research, investigation or undertake other actions as agreed and allocated at meetings.

7. Financial

It is not anticipated that the Working Group shall incur any items of expenditure. Occasional items may be agreed with authorisation by the Town Clerk within current budget and in accordance with Financial Regulations.

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