

Executive Board – 8 October 2007

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AREA COMMITTEES

South East Area Committee – 10 September 2007

78. PEERS SCHOOL LEISURE FACILITY

A copy of the relevant minute from the meeting of Executive Board held on 13th August was submitted (previously circulated, now appended).

Resolved to: -

- (1) note the minutes of Executive Board held on 13th August;
- (2) ask Executive Board to: -
 - (a) investigate keeping this sports facility open until at least September 2008;
 - (b) note that the South East Area Committee believed that, should Peers School become an Academy, it should have an enhanced community facility, and that sports provision at this site should continue until, and even if, it becomes an Academy;
- (3) note that the South East Area Committee welcomed support from the Executive Board for continued community provision after September 2008.

Response from the Stronger Communities Portfolio Holder (Councillor Rundle)

2 (a): Keeping the facility open until it becomes an Academy will, of course, have a negative impact on the budget for this year and for the next. Advice of what cuts the Area Committee would prefer in 2007/8 and 2008/9 would be welcome.

2 (b): As members of the Area Committee know, I have had talks with the County and the Diocese about the emerging Academy's plans. I have urged them to recognise the community's wishes and to provide facilities open to the people of Littlemore, and beyond, at the new Academy. It is clear that the emerging Academy does not believe it has the money to provide a swimming pool or squash courts, which will be a disappointment to the community. However, I am hopeful that there will be a generous access package for the community for the facilities the Academy will have.

I am happy to work with the South East Area Committee in aiming to ensure future community provision.