

## **Annual Statutory meeting of the Council**

**Monday 24 May 2021**

### **Agenda Item 18.0 (iv)**

#### **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM FULL COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS: INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING GROUP**

At Full Council on 1 March 2021, members resolved to set up an Infrastructure Working Group, with specific focus on sport, leisure, recreation and community facilities, and the future needs for the town.

**FC.77.03.21** *Members RESOLVED to:*

- (i) note the report;*
- (ii) agree to the proposed way forward in paragraph 5.2 (members looking at their individual ward areas, and considering the needs of their community in terms of existing infrastructure and identifying any additional infrastructure needs for the area as well as setting up a working group to look specifically at the sports, leisure, recreation and community needs of the town);*
- (iii) appoint Councillors K. Bedwell, J. Beesley, B. Cox, J. Edwards, S. Mayhew and A. Smith to the working group.*

The Infrastructure Working Group have met on three occasions since then, and appointed a Chair for the group – Councillor Angie Smith.

The working group have been making good progress. In their first meeting they explored the policy framework within which Uckfield worked – looking at existing references to sport, leisure, recreation and community facilities within Wealden DC's policy documents and Uckfield Town Council's policy documents. This provided a good basis upon which to start gathering information.

The Infrastructure Working Group invited Mr Hallett from Active Uckfield, to be co-opted onto the working group. Active Uckfield are a key stakeholder and Mr Hallett has good knowledge and experience having liaised and worked with various clubs, organisations and community groups in the town.

The working group have now set out some next steps for gathering information and insight. This will include engaging the clubs and organisations already in existence in the town and understanding their needs as well as the needs of our residents and visitors.

Meetings with key stakeholders will be arranged for future working groups and surveys will be placed out for consultation with both residents, and sports/leisure clubs and community groups in the coming weeks.