

COURT LEET PRESENTMENTS 2010

No.	PRESENTMENT	LEAD OFFICER	LEAD MEMBER	INITIAL OFFICER RESPONSE IN CONSULTATION WITH PORTFOLIO HOLDER
Mrs Brenda Allan				
1	<p>St James Park, Shirley</p> <p>(a) That the City Council fulfils its promise made at the Shirley Residents Action Group meeting some years ago that dogs be banned from the park.</p>	Jon Wallace	Councillor P Williams	The play areas within the park have and will continue to be dog free. City wide Dog Control Orders are currently being prepared for public consultation which will exclude dogs from Play Areas, but not parks on the whole.
	<p>(b) That a closing time be introduced to safeguard people and the new facilities at night.</p>	Jon Wallace	Councillor P Williams	There are currently no plans to introduce a closing time for St James' Park and the park was not closed at night previously. This can be reviewed should safety and / or vandalism become an issue once the park improvements are complete however the Council do not currently lock any of the City's parks at night.
Mr Ali Beg				
2	<p>AWAAZ FM Community Radio</p> <p>That the Council work with AWAAZ FM Community Radio to locate a suitable property for broadcasting purposes.</p>	Vanessa Shahani/ Roger Hawkyard	Councillor Smith	The Council's Communities Team has worked with other organisations in the past to try to support them with accommodation requirements e.g. by linking to community and voluntary sector organisations with space to rent. It would therefore be appropriate for the Team to offer similar support to AWAAZ FM, and try and identify if there are any premises available to meet their needs at a price that they could afford.

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Pupils of Shirley Warren Primary School				
3	<p>Shirley Warren Primary School</p> <p>That the Council instigate a number of environmental improvements including measures to combat graffiti, vandalism and the dumping of rubbish onto the roads in the area. In addition Shirley Warren suffers from a large number bullies who tend to be older children.</p>	Frances Martin/ Alison Alexander	Councillors Dean and Holmes	The November meeting of the multi-agency West District Management Group will consider this presentment when assessing priority areas for mini-CREW's (Crime Reduction and Environment Weeks) for the next few months, with the aim of vigorously tackling local environmental problems such as graffiti, vandalism and flytipping. The CREW organisers would ideally want to work directly with the school in planning this activity, to agree specific target areas, and develop ways in which the school and associated local community can actively contribute to the initiative, and help sustain improvements into the longer term.
Mr Arthur Jeffery				
4	<p>Enhancing the Legal Status of Southampton's Greenways</p> <p>That the Council establish a legal framework for the City's eight Greenways to upgrade their legal status and precisely define their boundaries in order to avoid future disputes and inconvenience to citizens using them.</p>	Mark Heath	Councillor Smith	There is no evidence that the greenways have any rights of common. The operation of the registration of Village Greens is recommended to be the subject of a government review as a result of the Penfold Review of Non Planning Consents report dated July 2010 and in view of this it is premature and not an efficient use of resources to consider any scheme of voluntary registration pending the governments

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				<p>response.</p> <p>The Council has a policy of voluntarily registering all council owned land. The greenways are being registered under this policy and the council can give consideration to prioritising these areas for registration.</p> <p>Pursuant to the Land Registration Act 2002 where the land concerned is registered land, the normal period to be established for an adverse possession claim is now 10 years, but the squatter can only be registered if the registered proprietor does not oppose the application. If the application is opposed, the squatter will need to be able to establish that one of three conditions set out in Schedule 6 to the Land Registration Act 2002 applies.</p> <p>Thus once the greenways are registered the council as land owner will be notified of any claims for adverse possession. This gives the council land greater protection from encroachment than it had when the land was unregistered.</p>

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Mr Jack Candy on behalf of the Open Spaces Society				
5	<p>(a) Cenotaph – proposed glass panels listing war service fatalities</p> <p>That the glass panels also commemorate the 631 killed in war service in the City during the Blitz.</p>	Jon Wallace	Councillor Hannides	<p>Following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture the current position is to be maintained. The proposed Cenotaph Memorial Wall commemorates the men and women from Southampton, who gave their lives serving in the Armed Forces and Merchant Navy during the Great War, World War II or post 1945 conflicts. Civilians killed during the bombing of the City in 1940 are commemorated through the provision of two Portland stone carved lecterns located to the west side of the Cenotaph.</p>
	<p>(b) Bye-laws for Pleasure Ground – 1967 – update to ban barbecues in Public Parks</p> <p>That the bye-laws be updated to ban barbecues in Public Parks.</p>	N/A	N/A	<p>This Presentment was rejected by the Jury.</p>
	<p>(c) Lord Louis Mountbatten of Burma statue in Grosvenor Square</p> <p>That the Council determine the future of the statue noting particularly that the plaque although cleaned recently, is not very legible and contains no reference to his murder by the IRA in 1979.</p>	Jon Wallace	Councillor Hannides	<p>The statue is not the property of the Council and does not stand on Council land. The plaque and inscription are part of the sculptor's original work. Any proposed changes or alterations would need to be directly addressed to the owner of the statue.</p>

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Ms Mary South				
6	<p>Reinstatement of a Traditional Footway Name That the name “Monckton’s Passage” be officially reinstated for the footway between the church and empty public house (Ferryman and Firkin) in recognition of John Monckton – past Mayor of the City in 1774 and 1784 and longest serving Alderman, early campaigner for the health and safety of the City and eminent surgeon.</p>	Jon Wallace	Councillors P Williams and Hannides	Any request to name or rename a street / footway can be made in writing to the Street Naming and Numbering Officer (Helines Jagot). Any request will be sent to the Royal Mail for consultation and should no objections be received the name is reported to the Planning and Rights of Way Panel for decision.
Mrs Jean Velecky on behalf of Southampton Commons and Parks Protection Society				
7	<p>A View of the Ornamental Lake on Southampton Common That a 10 metre wide swathe be cut through from Pointout Path down to the lake shore to open up a view of the lake earlier than the Action Plan completion date of March 2012.</p>	Jon Wallace	Councillor P Williams	Following Mrs Velecky’s presentation last year a view was made through from Pointout Path to the lake. This is approaching ten metres now and work will continue this winter. Every effort will be made to accelerate progress to enable completion in advance of the published completion date, but all work must be undertaken within the Common’s existing resource base, and allowing for the unpredictable nature of the Team’s seasonal workload.

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Mrs Patricia O'Dell				
8	<p>Seats on the Common That more traditional wooden seats or benches, not logs, be located on the open spaces of the Common to assist the elderly and disabled</p>	Jon Wallace	Councillor P Williams	As a consequence of a recent review of seating on The Common, a dozen extra formal seats have been added to the provision so that there are rest points every 300m around the main tarmac paths. The Common Team has also recently piloted cut and levelled log seats in other open spaces. This seating is safe, functional, economic and sustainable, and conforms to the more natural aesthetic within the areas in which they are placed. Initial response from users has generally been very positive and more may be added when large enough trees have to be felled to make them. The seating platform within the logs will be cut at a height that is amenable to the needs of all users.
Mrs Veronica Tippetts				
9	<p>International Day of Peace That the Council continue to encourage creative responses to the International Day of Peace on 21st September and that the Mayor ensure local schools, Faith Group and Councillors receive copies of:</p> <p>(a) Bargate leaflet produced by the Southampton Heritage Federation</p> <p>(b) Information about Jeremy Gilley (founder of Peace Day)</p>	Jon Wallace	Councillor Hannides	Information will be collated and sent to the relevant schools, groups and Councillors.

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	(c) Uniting for Peace – Interfaith Peace Work			
Mr C Trowbridge				
10	(a) St James Close Parking Problem	N/A	N/A	This Presentment was rejected by the Jury.
	(b) Hampshire Air Ambulance	N/A	N/A	This Presentment was rejected by the Jury.
	(c) Block Painting at St James Close Request that the interior of the block of flats be painted and the request submitted by Mr Trowbridge receives a reply.	Jon Wallace	Councillor Baillie	Assessment of the whole city is being undertaken to develop a cyclical programme of decoration.
Mrs KJ Welham				
11	Road re-alignment from Guildhall Square That the road between the two proposed new buildings be aligned with the Guildhall and the park	Frances Martin	Councillor Dean	As part of the redesign of the area, the link through will be centralised to the Guildhall Square, as suggested by Mr. Welham.
Mr Richard Strother				
12	Noticeboards That the Council install noticeboards in areas of high footfall for the benefit of the public along the same lines as Fareham Borough Council	Jon Wallace/ Ben White	Councillor P Williams	This idea was explored in depth in 2008 and a decision was made that there were no resources to fund or support such a scheme. In the current financial climate the position remains unchanged.