

of the Bay Blooms project and proposals for its further development.

Resolved: (i) that the project developments proposed in Report Env/233/01 be supported; and

(ii) that the area previously occupied by one of the gas holders at Hollicombe Park be filled with topsoil and grass-seeded until such time, and after consideration of other priorities in the Bay, as finances are available for an alternative scheme.

703. VICTORIA PARK, PAIGNTON. The Committee considered Report Env/236/01 on the recent improvements that had been made to Victoria Park in Paignton including the refurbishment of the children's play area and the provision of good quality fixed tennis "nets" on two of the tennis courts. The Report also set out proposals for determining the future development of the site. It was noted that Victoria Park was one of many facilities which was currently the subject of the Best Value Review of recreation and landscape and that one of the expected outcomes of the Review would be the establishment of a timetable for completing management and development plans for key parks.

Resolved: (i) that the recent improvements made to the site, as outlined in Report Env/236/01, be noted;

(ii) that the work of the community group established to seek to redevelop the skateboarding facilities at the site be supported and the input to the group by Council officers be approved;

(iii) that other groups, especially sporting associations in Paignton, be advised that they would be welcome to take part in the community group referred to in (ii) above; and

(iv) that the proposals indicated in the Report for determining the future management and development of the site, together with other appropriate park sites, be supported and that a further report be presented to the Committee with any detailed proposals for short-term changes of use at Victoria Park.

704. MONASTERY WOODS, PAIGNTON. The Committee considered Report Env/237/01 on the actions taken and further proposals to address anti-social behaviour at Monastery Woods in Paignton.

Resolved: that the Council's input into the establishment and work of a Community Group, with the purpose of addressing issues of anti-social behaviour at the Monastery Woods site and in developing initiatives and exploring fund-raising options as may be required, be supported.

705. LOCATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS MASTS. The Committee considered Report Env/247/01 which gave background information to assist in the

consideration of a future policy for the location of telecommunication masts on land and buildings where the Council is landowner.

Resolved: (i) that a policy be adopted to allow existing masts sites to remain in operation but that any applications to erect masts on land or buildings owned by the Council should comply with the current guidelines regarding emissions and, at renewal or review, a statement to that effect be obtained from the operator;

(ii) that the release of sites on land owned by the Council which pass the sequential test and meet the precautionary principle in relation to the vicinity of school sites be approved;

(iii) that the use of parts of buildings which pass the sequential test and are not constantly occupied, such as car parks, be particularly supported;

(iv) that the Council, in so far as its consent is required, will not allow new telecommunications equipment on school sites and recommends Governing Bodies to adopt a similar policy on the basis of the precautionary approach.

706. BALLOON RIDE WITHIN TORQUAY (Minute 365/7/01). Following the meeting of the Estates, Sports and Parks Sub-Committee in July, the Committee considered Report Env/248/01 on the further investigations undertaken by officers in relation to the proposed balloon attraction within Torbay.

Resolved: (i) that the Director of Environment Services be authorised, in conjunction with the Assistant Chief Executive (Law, Administration and Human Resources), to seek tenders and grant a three season licence or lease to allow the operation of a balloon ride from the start of the 2002 season (if practicable) on a site to be determined by the Director of Environment Services, in consultation with the Chairman of the Environment Services Committee, subject to planning permission being obtained;

(ii) that it be noted that this Committee's preferred site for the balloon ride is Corbyn Head, Torquay; and

(iii) that the terms of the licence or lease should specify that a balloon in the shape of a particular product would not be acceptable and that the details of any advertising on the balloon would need to be agreed in advance by the Director of Environment Services.

707. BRIXHAM LEISURE CENTRE – PROPOSED REVISION TO MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS (Minute 371/7/01). The Committee considered Report Env/234/01 which advised

of the progress made in relation to the future management arrangements for Brixham Leisure Centre.
