

Arts Leisure & Culture Select Committee

A meeting of Arts Leisure & Culture Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 25th June, 2008.

Present: Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell (Chairman); Cllr Hilary Aggio, Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Mick Womphrey

Officers: R Kench, N Russell (CESC); B Brown (DNS); S Chaytor (Tees Active); S Johnson, P Mennear (LD)

Also in attendance: No other persons in attendance

Apologies: Cllr Alan Lewis, Cllr Mrs Kath Nelson, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley

1 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

2 **Minutes of the Meeting Held 7th May 2008**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2008 were agreed as a correct record.

3 **Progress Updates on Previously Agreed Recommendations**

The Head of Culture was in attendance at the meeting and presented Members with progress updates on the implementation of previously agreed recommendations for the Preston Park and Hall Review and the Festivals Review.

The Head of Culture drew the Committee's attention to progress on the Park and Museum Master plan (Recommendation 1) and in particular issues relating to the following:-

- part time lights onto Yarm Road
- cafe provision
- Heritage Lottery Bid
- Museum collections
- wedding service
- Woodland work

The Committee discussed the possibility of developing a relationship between the current chemical industry on Teesside and Preston Hall. The Head of Culture advised Members that it could be considered as an exhibition but not a permanent part of Preston Hall. The Head of Culture advised that the idea of a Chemical Process Industry visitor facility in the Borough could be directed to the Council's Economic Regeneration department.

The Head of Culture presented the progress update for the Festivals Review.

The Committee discussed the progress update for the Review of Festivals and in particular the publicity of Stockton International Riverside Festival (SIRF) and Billingham International Folklore Festival (BIFF).

CONCLUDED that the assessments of progress contained in the reports be

agreed and that further updates on those actions not signed off as complete be received as appropriate.

4 Action Plan for Agreed Recommendations

Members of the Committee considered an action plan that set out how the agreed recommendations from the River Based Leisure Review would be implemented. It also set out the target dates for completion.

The Officer appointed to take the action plan forward was in attendance at the meeting and drew the Committee's attention to various parts of the action plan, in particular, Recommendation 1.

The Committee discussed the action plan and in particular issues relating to:-

- Tees River Trust
- Engagement with Schools
- The various sections of the river
- Blue Green Heart

It was agreed that a progress report should be presented to the Committee in 6 months time.

CONCLUDED that:-

1. The action plan be noted.
2. A progress report be presented to the Committee in 6 months time.

5 Review of Tees Active

The Managing Director of Tees Active was in attendance at the meeting and provided the Committee with a brief background to Tees Active and its progress since implementation.

The Committee received and considered the following evidence:-

- Breakdown of Tees Active Performance Indicators
- Breakdown of performance against the 2005-08 Business Development Plan
- Information about the Leisure Saver Card scheme options

The Committee discussed issues relating to the following:-

- The proposed plans for the facility at Tilery
- The regeneration of Billingham Forum and Thornaby Pavilion
- development of school sports facilities

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

6 Work Programme

The Committee was presented with the scope and project plan for the Review of Tees Active.

CONCLUDED that the scope and project plan be noted.

