

Arts Leisure & Culture Select Committee

A meeting of Arts Leisure & Culture Select Committee was held on Friday, 20th March, 2009.

Present: Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell(Chairman), Cllr Andrew Sherris(Vice-Chairman), Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Alan Lewis, Cllr Mick Womphrey

Officers: R. Kench, N. Russell (CESC); P. Mennear, S. Whaley, C. Lunn (LD)

Also in attendance: Cllr Mrs Mary Womphrey

Apologies: Cllr Hilary Aggio, Cllr Mrs Kath Nelson, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley

1 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mrs Mary Womphrey declared a personal non-prejudicial interest, as she was member of the Tees Active Board.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2008

- For Signature

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2008 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2009

- For approval

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2009.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2009 be agreed as a true record.

4 Review of Tees Active

- To consider and agree the draft report for the above review

The Scrutiny Officer presented the Committee with the draft Review of Tees Active for consideration.

The Committee discussed the recommendations and these were agreed subject to the following:-

- R2 - The Committee agreed that R2 be amended to reflect the need to 'strive' to meet residents' expectations of leisure facilities.

- R6 - Members agreed that the recommendation be amended to highlight that a key aim of Tees Active's website should be to continually encourage more online interaction and digital activity with customers.

- R7 - The Head of Arts and Culture provided information on the Tees Active staff survey that was being undertaken. It was suggested to Members that the recommendation be amended in order to allow the opportunity for further

investigation of issues emanating from the results by the SBC/TAL management group, should they be identified when the results are considered by the Committee meeting.

- The Scrutiny Officer drew Members' attention to the appendices on page 40 regarding the number of complaints submitted to Tees Active, which accounted for 16.3% of all those received across Council service areas, Tristar Homes and Tees Active in Quarter 3 2008-09; the Scrutiny Officer provided Members with further detail which explained the underlying reasons for these complaints. Members considered this information, and noted that it would be monitored as part of the Council's performance management arrangements, and also the SBC/TAL management group.

- The Committee discussed the building and refurbishment work that was being undertaken at Splash and Billingham Forum, and how this would impact upon the attendance figures for the next Municipal year.

- The Committee heard feedback in the form of an email from Tees Active, in respect of issues raised by a member of the public at a previous Committee meeting held on 4th March 2009. Members discussed this feedback, and received verbal examples as to how the annual Tees Active membership provided good value for money. The Committee requested that the member of the public be informed of this feedback.

- Members took the opportunity to thank Officers for their hard work, and congratulated them on the final report.

CONCLUDED that Members agreed the recommendations with minor alterations; the review of Tees Active final report to be forwarded to Cabinet for consideration.

5 Work Programme

- To prepare questions for witnesses attending the next meeting**
- To review the project plan in respect of the current review**
- To discuss ideas for future review topics**

The Committee was informed that the work programme would be finalised at the next Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting on 24th March 2009.

CONCLUDED that the work programme be noted.