

## **Arts Leisure & Culture Select Committee**

A meeting of Arts Leisure & Culture Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 6th June, 2012.

**Present:** Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell(Chairman), Cllr Eileen Johnson(Vice-Chairman), Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Michael Clark(Vice Cllr Nigel Cooke) Cllr Gillian Corr, Cllr Alan Lewis, Cllr Mick Womphrey

**Officers:** Rueben Kench(DNS), Peter Mennear and Kirsty Wannop(LDS)

**Also in attendance:** Cllr Ken Dixon(Cabinet Member for Arts, Leisure and Culture)

**Apologies:** Cllr Nigel Cooke

### **ALC 10/12 Evacuation Procedure**

The evacuation procedure was noted.

### **ALC 11/12 Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

### **ALC 12/12 Minutes - 23rd February 2012 for Signature**

The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2012.

### **ALC 13/12 Draft Minutes - 2nd May 2012**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May 2012.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

### **ALC 14/12 Arts, Leisure and Culture Overview**

Members were presented with an overview of culture and leisure services. The following area's were highlighted:-

- Service Area responsibilities which included Arts Development, Leisure and Sports Development, Libraries and Heritage Services and Tees Active Limited (TAL).
- The service area's performance during 2011/12 for SIRF, Adult Participation, Library Visits and the Museum's collection size.
- The key achievements which included SIRF 2011 where £133k of Arts Council Grant was used to fund the event. The first Stockton Weekender in partnership with Tees Music Alliance took place and included music, comedy events and the option for camping. The redevelopment of Billingham Forum reopening in June 2011. Stockton's River Rat Race 2011 which was part of the 'Take to the Tees' festival to encourage 30% more people to experience activities in, on and alongside the river compared to 2010. The refurbishment of Stockton Central Library which was successfully reopened in November 2011.
- The impact of past reviews which included the EIT Review of Sport, Leisure and Recreation and EIT Review of Events, Arts and Tourism. The recommended review of TAL's financial position will take place in summer 2012 but further work may be needed to identify reliable trends due to the late opening of the White Water Course.

- The emerging issues for the service area were to develop innovative events programme, improve and celebrate the borough's heritage, refresh the borough's libraries.

The Cabinet Member for Arts, Leisure and Culture praised officers as with fewer resources they were still providing services to a high standard. The Committee agreed with what the Cabinet Member had stated.

Members also considered the impact of the Heritage Strategy, capacity of parking at the Barrage for events, and the commissioning and evaluation of new programmes by Sports Development.

AGREED that the information be noted.

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### **Quarterly Progress Updates on Previously Agreed Recommendations**

Member considered the assessments of progress contained within the progress updates provided on the implementation of previously agreed recommendations. There were outstanding recommendations from the scrutiny reviews of River Based Leisure, the EIT gateway review of Highways, Lighting and Network Managements, and the EIT Review of Sport Leisure and Recreation.

AGREED that the Progress Updates be noted and the assessments for progress be confirmed.