

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

A meeting of Arts Leisure & Culture Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 2nd May, 2012.

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

**Officers:** Shaun McLurg (CESC), Jayne Robins(DNS), Sarah Whaley, Graham Birtle(L&D).

**Also in attendance:**

**Apologies:**

### **1 Evacuation Procedure**

The evacuation procedure was noted.

### **2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3 Minutes for Signature - 4th January 2012**

Consideration was given to the minutes from the meeting which was held on the 4th January 2012 for signature.

AGREED that the minutes be signed.

### **4 Draft Minutes - 23rd February 2012**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting which was held on the 23rd February 2012 for approval.

AGREED that the minutes be approved

### **5 EIT Review of Children's Social Care - Action Plan for Agreed Recommendations**

Members were presented with the Action Plan setting out how the agreed recommendations from the Efficiency Information and Transformation Review(EIT) of Childrens Social Care would be implemented with target dates for completion.

Members were informed that a 30 day consultation had commenced following the conclusion of Cabinet on the 13th April 2012. There had been minor queries received during the consultation period relating to individual posts and not directly relating to the review. Regular liaison with unions had taken place and there had been no significant issues raised regarding the recommendations which had been agreed by the Arts Leisure and Culture Select Committee and Cabinet.

The Committee heard that although there was a great deal of work to get through following the review, the implemenation completion date was on target

for the 3rd September 2012.

Members requested that a 6 month progress report be brought back to a future meeting of this committee.

AGREED that the Action Plan be approved.

## **6 EIT Review of Registration and Bereavement Services - Action Plan for Agreed Recommendations**

Members were presented with the Action Plan setting out how the agreed recommendations from the Efficiency Information and Transformation (EIT) Gateway Review of Registration and Bereavement Services would be implemented with target dates for completion.

The Registration/Bereavement Services Manager highlighted the following key areas:

Recommendation 1 - extended opening hours of Bereavement Services had commenced Saturday the 5th May 2012.

Recommendation 2 - online booking was due for completion December 2012.

Recommendation 5a - the new more intimate statutory ceremony room was opened on the 1st February 2012.

Recommendation 5b & c - the decommissioning of the current statutory marriage room was complete, re-decorated and renamed the 'Nightingale suite'. The room was now fully operational with increased ceremony times and had been well received.

Members also heard that there had been some progress on the Authority's plan to acquire additional burial land. A further update would be brought to a future Select Committee meeting.

AGREED that the Action Plan be approved.

## **7 Scrutiny Review of the Marketing of Stockton's Visitor Offer - Phase 1 - Visitor Economy**

Members were given a verbal update of the Scope and Project Plan for the Scrutiny Review of the Marketing of Stockton Borough -Visitor Economy, and considered a draft scope for the review.

The Committee were informed that the review would be split into 2 phases as follows:

phase 1 - exploring the visitor economy

phase 2 - the marketing of Stockton Borough.

Members were invited to contact the Scrutiny Officer with any ideas they may

have in relation to the review which could be taken into account prior to the next meeting where a more detailed Scope and Project Plan would be presented.

AGREED that the information be noted.

## **8 Work Programme**

The Scrutiny Officer highlighted to members that a more detailed Scope and Project Plan would be presented at a future meeting of this Committee for the Scrutiny Review of the Marketing of Stockton's Visitor Offer - Phase 1 -Visitor Economy, and further updates from previous services reviews would also be considered. At the next meeting the Committee would receive the annual overview of performance from arts, leisure and cultural services.

AGREED that the information be noted.

## **9 Chairs Update**

Members requested a visit to Stockton's White Water Course.

AGREED that the Scrutiny Officer arrange the site visit.