Arts Leisure & Culture Select Committee

A meeting of Arts Leisure & Culture Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 5th June, 2013.

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

Officers: Beccy Brown(Communications), Sarah Bowman(Public Health), Judith Trainer and Kirsty

Wannop(LDS)

Also in attendance: None

Apologies: Cllr Mick Womphrey

1 Evacuation Procedure

The evacuation procedure was noted.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests.

3 Minutes from the meeting which was held on the 13th March 2013.

The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2013.

4 Draft Minutes from the meeting which was held on the 1st May 2013.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2013.

AGREED the minutes be approved.

5 Scrutiny Review of Child Poverty

The Committee considered the draft scope and project plan for the Scrutiny Review of Child Poverty. Members were informed that some of the information was work in progress and would develop with the review. The Committee was also informed that the review would have close links with the separate review of Welfare Reform and joint meetings to understand links to welfare reform issues may be appropriate.

The Committee requested that definitions of child poverty be considered by Members to gain more of an understanding of what is meant of child poverty for the Review.

AGREED the draft scope be approved and information noted.

6 Action Plan for Agreed Recommendations - Marketing of Stockton's Visitor Offer

Members considered the Action Plan setting out how the agreed recommendations from the Scrutiny Review of Marketing of Stockton's Visitor Offer would be implemented and target dates for completion.

The Committee were given a demonstration of the visitor section of the Council's new website.

Members requested that Joanne Thompson attend a future meeting to discuss the implementation of the recommendations relating to Tees Valley Unlimited.

AGREED the information be noted.

7 Quarterly Progress Updates on Previously Agreed Recommendations

Members considered the assessments of progress contained within the Progress Updates on the implementation of previously agreed recommendations. There were outstanding recommendations from the scrutiny review of River Based Leisure, the EIT gateway review of Registration and Bereavement and Highways, Lighting and Network Management, and the EIT Review of Sport Leisure & Recreation.

AGREED the assessment of progress on in respect of previously agreed recommendations be approved, with the exception of the two outstanding recommendations in respect of the Highways, Lighting and Network Management Review which the Committee agreed should be signed off as these would now be dealt with under further "big ticket" review work; the Committee were also satisfied that the remaining recommendation in respect of the River Based Leisure Review (River Taxis) could now be signed off as complete.

8 Work Programme

Members were informed they would receive initial information regarding the Scrutiny Review of Child Poverty at the next meeting.

9 Chairs Update

The Chair had nothing to update.