

Arts Leisure & Culture Select Committee

A meeting of Arts Leisure & Culture Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 4th June, 2014.

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 Ray McCall, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Mick Womphrey.

Officers: Graham Clingan, Reuben Kench, Jamie McCann(DNS), Sarah Bowmen(Public Health), Nigel Hart and Kirsty Wannop(LDS)

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

Apologies: Cllr Nigel Cooke and Cllr Alan Lewis.

1 Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

2 Minutes for Signature - 19th February 2014

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2014 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3 Draft Minutes - 12th March 2014

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2014.

AGREED the minutes be approved.

4 Arts, Leisure & Culture Select Committee - Overview Presentation

Members were presented with an overview of Arts, Leisure and Culture Services. The following was highlighted:-

- Emerging issues
- Key achievements
- Performance

Members discussed the numbers of FOI requests received and suggested that many of the FOI requests could be for the same information therefore making anonymised responses of the most commonly asked question being made available on the SBC website which may cut down the time spent responding to FOI's.

The Committee thanked officers for their work.

AGREED the information be noted.

5 Review of the Effects of Arts, Leisure & Culture on Wellbeing

The Committee considered the scope and project plan for the Review of the Effects of Arts, Leisure & Culture on Wellbeing.

AGREED the scope and project plan be approved.

6 Scrutiny Review of Child Poverty-Action Plan

Members were presented with the Action Plan setting out how the agreed recommendations from the Review of Child Poverty would be implemented and target dates for completion. It was agreed that some small alterations may be made to the responsible Lead Officers and deadlines proposed in the Action Plan, following further discussion with the appropriate Officers.

AGREED that the Action Plan be approved on the above basis.

7 Progress Updates on Previously Agreed Recommendations

Consideration was given to the assessment of progress on the implementation of the recommendations from the Scrutiny review of Marketing of Stockton Borough and the EIT Review of Sport, Leisure & Recreation.

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

8 Work Programme

Members queried the latest position regards operation of the Planetarium facility. The head of Arts, Leisure and Culture advised that officers were actively seeking a partnership solution to best help people utilise the facility.

9 Chair's Update

The Chair thanked officers for the attendance and input into the meeting.