

**What you said****Key messages are as follows:**

- The document mentions festivals but they should complement each other and run consecutively (the Riverside Festival and the Billingham Folklore Festival were on at the same time);
- There is not enough publicity undertaken on Stockton’s events / facilities i.e. Tees Barrage.
- We need more events such as carnivals, street theatre etc; in Stockton (in particular surrounding the riversides) An events calendar would be a good idea
- We need to reduce the number of empty buildings in the High Street and in Stockton in general eg Globe theatre
- More open spaces for outdoor performance areas.
- More promotion and involvement of young people in sports
- The following targets should be considered in the document
  - % of adults participating in at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity sport and active recreation on 3 or more days a week. For children, the % of 5 – 16 year olds participating in 2 hours a week high quality PE and school sport within and beyond the curriculum;
  - % of adults volunteering in sport and active recreation for at least one hour a week;
  - Percentage of population that are within 20 minutes travel time (urban areas by walk; rural areas by car) of a range of three different sports facility types, of which one has achieved a specified quality assured;
  - Resident Satisfaction with sport/leisure facilities;
  - % of 5 – 16 year olds in school; sports partnerships engaged in 2 hours a week minimum on high quality PE and school sport within and beyond the curriculum.

**Other points include:**

- Needs to be a mix of culture on the high street for young and older people
- Advertising of Billingham Folklore Festival needs to be improved and general advertising of events needs to be improved.
- Young People should be involved in the Billingham Festival, like they are in the Riverside
- The ambition for a classical music venue within the Borough was reiterated as a priority;
- The document needs a definition of ‘vulnerable’ adults.
- We need to include some participation targets i.e the no. of people accessing festivals/cultural events within the LAA to ensure that the impact is recognised.

**What we did**

- Publicising our events and festivals is already an ambition within this theme and an events calendar is published by SBC
- Empty buildings are addressed by the Economic Regeneration and Transport theme
- Ensuring excellent facilities for cultural activities is now included
- Involving young people in sport is already included

- The detailed targets will be considered as part of the Local Area Agreement process
- We will work with BIFF (Billingham International Folklore Festival) to address the issues raised by the consultation.