

**The Culture Partnership**  
**9<sup>th</sup> May 2012, 2pm, Ground Floor Committee Room, Town Hall Stockton**

**Attendees**

**Paul Burns** (Chair - Tees Music Alliance), **Philip Addison** (Western Area Partnership), **Cllr Kenneth Dixon** (SBC), **Jan Doherty** (Arts Development) **Haleem Ghafoor** (Policy, Improvement & Engagement), **Martin Graham** (CESC), **Mark Freeman** (SBC), **Reuben Kench** (Culture and Leisure), **Allan McDermott** (Tees Achieve), **Jason Faulkner** (Stockton Riverside College),

**Observers:**

None

**Apologies**

**Steven Chaytor** (Tees Active), Annabel Turpin (**Arc**), **Tony Campbell** (Creative Glass), **Neil Russell** (Leisure & Sports - Development), Laurayne Featherstone (**Policy, Improvement & Engagement**)

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<p><b>1. Welcome and Apologies</b>  Members were introduced and welcomed to the Culture Partnership.</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p><b>2. Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>		<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising</b></p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012 were agreed as a true record.</p>		<p>Noted</p>

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<p>Reuben Kench (RK) updated members that the piece of work been developed with the Association of North East Councils (ANEC) on Culture in the North East has now been completed and is being fed back to the region. The next steps for the work are being considered by a leaders group. For those members interested a copy of the report can be provided through RK.</p> <p>It was noted by a member that the consultation which came through the Culture Partnership on the Sustainable Community Strategy was extremely useful.</p> <p>RK updated members that Preston Hall is scheduled for opening in July 12. Those members interested in attending can contact RK for a preview opportunity.</p>		
<p><b>4. Tees Valley Cultural Strategy Update</b></p> <p>Reuben Kench (RK) requested that the item is removed now as a standard item on the agenda and he will update members as appropriate at future meetings.</p> <p><b>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement?</b> No</p> <p><b>Are any other boards affected?</b> No</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Reuben Kench, Stockton Council, (01642) 527039  <a href="mailto:reuben.kench@stockton.gov.uk">reuben.kench@stockton.gov.uk</a></p>		Noted

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<p><b>5. Stockton Riverside College</b></p> <p>Jason Faulkner (JF) from Stockton Riverside College (SRC) gave an update on the work of the college. JF talked members through the college's current portfolio of work and in particular what was taking place regarding Culture. As the presentation could not be uploaded, it was agreed that JF would send it through to HG to circulate.</p> <p>JF informed members of the investment into sports provision, and community engagement, volunteering through their public services, apprenticeships through care homes, etc. The hair and beauty &amp; complimentary therapy also provide free treatments and reduced rate haircuts for the public.</p> <p>This year the college has also started undertaking courses that support the retail sector which has engaged lots of young people and which has had very positive feedback. There has also been an increase in the arts, interactive, media arts development, and webdesign courses.</p> <p>The college recently had artist McKenzie Thorpe working with the students. Students have also been involved in undertaking exhibitions in local libraries, in the town centre, and have been commissioned to create art works.</p> <p>Students have also been involved in large Christmas productions such as 'Oliver'. Film and TV is a new area that the college has developed and students have been engaged in making short films which are shown at the ARC. Creating computer games are also a new area that the college is involved where students also get the opportunity to undertake work experience for companies which is beneficial for their CV's.</p> <p>The college also support NEET's and undertakes "carousels", to allow those NEET's to experience and get a taster session of courses before they commit to undertaking a full time course, during the carousels they achieve a number of accredited courses along the way.</p> <p>The college also work with lots of migrant communities and have excellent take up of English</p>		<p>JF to send HG presentation for circulation</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses.</p> <p>There was a query relating to how NEET's are funded. JF explained that it comes through the Skills Funding Agency, and that there was limited funding at present, since the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) ended. There was a discussion about how losing EMA's has had a real impact on participation levels; however reductions in budgets had been made at the college in other areas to support this. There was a discussion around how the reduction of funding effects student participation and activities.</p> <p>It was queried how often the "carousels" run? JF explained every 2/3 weeks, aimed at 16-19 year olds.</p> <p>It was queried what the college does regarding programmes which run over the summer? JF explained how the college plans to run production arts courses, retail qualifications and volunteering courses. He explained that these are usually demand led.</p> <p>There was a discussion about how we can get the young people involved and engaged better in SIRF for example as the experience would be most be beneficial for the young people. JD also offered to go along and speak to the young people if required.</p> <p>It was queried whether SRC utilise the Whitewater course facility? JF explained that historically it had been used a lot, but at present the college tend to use the river with their own boats more. JF also explained that he was meeting with Tees Active in the near future to discuss how the college can become more involved in their sport and training provision.</p> <p>There was a discussion about how useful it would be to have a collective database where you can access marshal's, stewards, security and other staff who may be needed for big events.</p> <p><b>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement?</b> No</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p><b>6. Stockton Riverside Festival 2012</b></p> <p>Jan Doherty updated members on the Stockton International Riverside Festival (SIRF) for 2012, which is taking place between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> August 2012. Members were informed that this year is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and there is a theme of 'large' shows taking place; the Festival of giants. One of these shows is Prometheus Awakes, a spectacular large scale show on Stockton High Street featuring a 10 metre high Prometheus.</p> <p>There will be dozens of other performances as well, including artists from across the UK and international companies who will transform the town with startling and beautiful images drawn from ancient myth, folk tales and the machines of the modern world. Other highlights include Iltopie's aquatic fantasy Water Fools; an exhibition of more than 100 lanterns based on the Terracotta Army from Beijing and an interactive sculpture garden from the German artist Gigantikow.</p> <p>JD also informed members that as this is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, there will also be some legacy projects taking place. Members were asked to promote this and any pictures, stories or even memories that people have from previous festivals were welcomed as these were to be exhibited as part of the celebrations for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.</p> <p>Further details can be accessed from the SIRF website which is at <a href="http://www.stockton.gov.uk/events/sirf2012">http://www.stockton.gov.uk/events/sirf2012</a></p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>PB informed members that the Stockton Weekender festival is also taking place during the same weekend and so far acts confirmed include 'James', 'The Pogues', 'We are Scientists' plus others.</p> <p><b>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement?</b> No</p> <p><b>Are any other boards affected?</b> No</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Jan Doherty, Stockton Council, (01642) 526465 <a href="mailto:jan.doherty@stockton.gov.uk">jan.doherty@stockton.gov.uk</a></p>		Noted
<p><b>8. Stockton Events Guide Spring/Summer 2012</b></p> <p>Dave Lupton unfortunately had to submit his apologies.</p> <p>Stockton Events Guide Spring/Summer 2012 was circulated.</p> <p>RK updated members on the programme. He explained that the booklet is an attempt to provide a visual guide outlining a fantastic range of events.</p> <p>Events included in the booklet included Infinity Festival Queens Diamond Jubilee celebration events, Cycling Festival Stockton weekender acts, SIRF, the specialist markets etc.</p> <p>RK informed members that the Olympic torch will be coming through Stockton on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2012.</p> <p>RK welcomed comments on the booklet. Members noted that it was a very useful reference point and the booklet highlighted how much hard work Officers put into these events.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p><b>Comments and Decisions</b></p> <p><b>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement?</b> No</p> <p><b>Are any other boards affected?</b> No</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Dave Lupton, Stockton Council, (01642) 527309 <a href="mailto:dave.lupton@stockton.gov.uk">dave.lupton@stockton.gov.uk</a></p>		
<p><b>9. Strategic Sports Network within Stockton-on-Tees</b></p> <p>There were no updates.</p> <p><b>Comments and Decisions</b></p> <p><b>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement?</b> No</p> <p><b>Are any other boards affected?</b> No</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Neil Russell, Stockton Council, (01642) 526412 <a href="mailto:neil.russell@stockton.gov.uk">neil.russell@stockton.gov.uk</a></p>		None
<p><b>10. Update from Renaissance</b></p>		

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<p>Members were informed that the last Renaissance meeting had been cancelled.</p> <p>It was suggested that HG reminds Laurayne Featherstone (LF) to contact PB to discuss developing a presentation on behalf of the Culture Partnership for Renaissance.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>HG to remind LF.</p>
<p><b>11. Reports from other Thematic partnerships</b></p> <p>There were no updates from the other Thematic Partnerships.</p>		<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>12. Member's Significant News</b></p> <p>Members were reminded about the Infinity Bridge event which will take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May as part of the Infinity Festival 2012. Highlights of Infinity Festival are the Tees Regatta and Infinite Voices - an evening music celebration.</p> <p>MG informed members that the Children's Trust Board will cease to exist beyond July 2012.</p> <p>PA updated members on changes with the Community Empowerment Network and informed members about the Voice project at Catalyst.</p> <p>PA also updated members that the Yarm Fellowship Committee had another event where over 60 people attended.</p> <p>AMc updated members on the Tees Actives Olympic Challenge which will be staging the British Novice Wrestling Championships at Thornaby Pavilion on Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup></p> <p>From Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June there will be the inaugural Tees Barrage park run. This free timed 5km run will be held every Saturday at 9am starting and finishing at the Tees Barrage.</p> <p>The Olympic Sporting Start programme for the school holidays will also provide over 3000 free</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>



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places for the children of the borough to participate in a variety of physical activities and sports.		Noted
<p><b>11. Any Other Business</b></p> <p>There was no other business.</p>		Noted
<p><b>12. Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p><i>Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012 @ 2:00pm.</i></p> <p><i>Venue: Town Hall, Ground Floor Committee Room</i></p> <p>Culture Partnership members are invited to forward any agenda items for future meetings to Haleem Ghafoor.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>