

Adults, Leisure & Cultural Select Committee

A meeting of the Adults, Leisure & Cultural Select Committee was held on Wednesday 15th February, 2006.

Present: Councillor Fletcher (Chairman), Councillors Cherrett, Dixon, Faulks, Frankland, Lynch, Rix and Smith.

Officers: G Birtle, Mrs S McDonald (LD).

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Miss Inman Mrs Nesbitt, Parry, Perry and Womphrey. Mr A Maxwell (Diocesan Representative); Mr P Beach and Ms S Moloney (Parent Governor Representative).

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The Committee discussed in detail, potential topics for inclusion in its work programme, for liaison with the Scrutiny Liaison Forum and the Executive Scrutiny Committee.

The Chairman had sought the initial views of the Corporate Director Children, Education And Social Care on what the priorities were for officers. The areas highlighted were: -

- Preston Hall & Museum Strategy
- Reconfiguration of Libraries
- Stockton International Riverside Festival
- Protection of Vulnerable Adults
- Welfare Rights and the links with Department for Work & Pensions and Stockton & District Advice & Information Service
- Adults with Sensory Loss

The areas put forward by Members for discussion included: -

- Performing Arts in the Borough
- Publicity of Leisure facilities/events in the Borough - Members were asked provide information on contents of publicity displays throughout the Borough to the Scrutiny Officer.
- Availability of and access to Leisure facilities in the Borough. This included a discussion on a recent press article on the closure of Stockton Sports Centre
- Open Spaces in the Borough
- Billingham International Folklore Festival

The Committee felt that there was a business case for a potential review on Stockton International Riverside Festival including looking at interface with the public, disabled and business in the Town Centre; accommodation and co-ordination with Billingham International Folklore Festival. The Scrutiny Officer was also asked to obtain information on the processes for making decisions on Stockton Sports Centre in order to identify any options for a review.

CONCLUDED that the discussions be noted and a further meeting of the Adults, Leisure & Cultural Select Committee to report back any information.