

Adults, Leisure & Culture Select Committee

A meeting of the Adults, Leisure & Culture Select Committee was held on Tuesday 26th April 2006.

Present: Councillor Fletcher (Chairman); Councillors Cherrett, Dixon, Faulks, Frankland, Miss Inman, Lynch, Perry, Rix and Womphrey.

Officers: Miss S Connolly, Mrs T Harrison and Mrs J Trainer (LD); R Kench (CESC)

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Laing and Mrs Norton.

101 Draft Minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2006 were considered, prior to their submission to Council for approval.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2006 be forwarded to Council.

102 Agree Scope and Project Plan for Review of Preston Hall and Park

The Head of Arts and Culture addressed the committee advising Members that the review would focus on the principles of heritage and history based services and the development and proper use of Preston Park and Hall.

It was intended that in relation to greater utilisation of the Park and Hall, the Scrutiny review would concern itself with the type of activities presented, planning and approving those activities, financial and social benefits.

The review and its associated consultation would ensure that the needs and aspirations of the visitors or park users and the other public, private and voluntary organisations active in the park, were reflected in relevant strategies and plans.

The Committee considered the draft scope and project plan.

CONCLUDED that members agreed the following:

1. To endorse the scope and project plan.
2. The Scrutiny Officer would prepare a pack of reading material as outlines in the Scope and would make it available on the intranet.
3. To include evidence from the Financial Manager.
4. Immediate promotion of the review via press release and an article placed in 'Gossip'.

103 Work Programme

The Committee discussed issues relating to 2006/07 work programme.

CONCLUDED that:-

1. Information relating to Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council performance would be forwarded as soon as possible.

2. The topic of Festivals should be the next review of 2006/07.
3. Initial evidence gathering during 2006 Stockton International Riverside Festival would be undertaken.
4. The Chair would pursue further information from the Corporate Director for Children Education and Social Care in respect of adult protection.
5. The river based leisure facilities review would be incorporated at a later date.