

Adults, Leisure & Culture Select Committee

A meeting of Adults, Leisure & Culture Select Committee was held on Thursday, 14th September, 2006.

Present: Cllr J A Fletcher (Chairman), Cllr M Cherrett, Cllr K Dixon, Cllr M Frankland, Cllr Miss B Inman, Cllr T Laing, Cllr J M Lynch, Cllr Mrs A Norton, Cllr M Perry, Cllr M E Womphrey

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

Also in attendance: No other persons were present.

Apologies: Cllr K Faulks, Cllr R Rix and Cllr M Smith.

588 Draft minutes of meeting held on 17th August and 30th August 2006 – To Follow

Members considered the minutes of 17th and 30th August.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the 17th and 30th August were agreed as a true record with the following amendment:-

17th August - Addition of a personal/non prejudicial declaration of interest from Councillor Fletcher due to being a Member of Egglecliffe Parish Council.

589 Performance Review Issues

Members considered whether there were any performance issues to discuss.

CONCLUDED that there were no performance issues to discuss.

590 Review of Preston Park and Hall to discuss findings and recommendations for the review

J Hubbard (Museums Manager), reported on the progress of the Heritage Lottery Fund bid for the Winter Garden. The Committee thanked all Officers involved for their efforts.

The Chair updated Members on the next planned stages for the review.

The Committee discussed the findings and recommendations outlined in a briefing paper presented by the Scrutiny officer.

CONCLUDED that following discussions the Committee agreed to endorse the findings and recommendations outlined in the briefing paper.

591 Future Work Programme

The Chair advised the Committee that it was Executive Scrutiny Committee's recommendation for Adults Leisure and Culture Select Committee to examine the Stockton International Riverside Festival and the Council's involvement in the Billingham International Folklore Festival, following the completion of the Preston Park Review.

The Committee discussed the following topics as possibilities for future scrutiny reviews:-

- Utilisation of River Tees
- Vulnerable Adults
- Further review of aids and adaptations (suggested by Councillor Mrs Cains)
- Welfare Benefits

The Committee noted that no suggestions for reviews had been received from Members of the public.

CONCLUDED that the Committee agreed to examine the Stockton International Riverside Festival and the Council's involvement in the Billingham International Folklore Festival. Suggestions for further topics for scrutiny would be discussed again at the next Committee meeting.