

Adults, Leisure & Culture Select Committee

A meeting of Adults, Leisure & Culture Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 11th October, 2006.

Present: Cllr J A Fletcher (Chairman), Cllr M Cherrett, Cllr K Faulks, Cllr M Frankland, Cllr Miss B Inman, Cllr T Laing, Cllr Mrs A Norton, Cllr M Perry, Cllr R Rix, Cllr M Smith, Cllr M E Womphrey.

Officers: Mrs J Doherty (CESC), Mrs T Harrison and Mrs J Trainer (LD).

Also in attendance: No other persons were present.

Apologies: Cllr K Dixon, Cllr J Lynch; J Hubbard and R Kench (CESC).

639 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Fletcher declared a personal/non prejudicial interest due to being a Member of Eggescliffe Parish Council who had provided evidence which was included in the final draft report.

640 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th September 2006

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2006.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the 14th September 2006 were agreed as a true record and would be submitted to Council.

641 Performance Review Issues

Members considered whether there were any performance issues to discuss.

CONCLUDED that there were no performance issues to discuss.

642 Review of Preston Hall and Park/Museums Strategy - To approve the final draft report prior to submission to Cabinet

Members were presented with the draft report. Members made some amendments to the report, which were noted by the Scrutiny Officer.

CONCLUDED that the report be forwarded on to Cabinet upon the inclusion of the amendments, with a copy to Executive Scrutiny Committee.

643 Review of Major Festivals (Stockton International Riverside Festival/Billingham International Folklore Festival) - Agree Scope & Project Plan

Members were advised that the Chair, Vice Chair, Cabinet Member for Arts Leisure and Culture, Head of Arts and Culture and Scrutiny Officer had reviewed the scope and were happy.

In response to a query as to why the Stockton International Riverside Festival and Billingham International Folklore Festival were being reviewed, Members were advised that the review had been chosen by members of the Committee, which was also welcomed by the Head of Arts and Culture.

Clarity on spending was requested, Members were advised that details on spending would be obtained. Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's Internal Audit would be asked as part of the review whether they had recently completed or working audits which were relevant.

The Chair hoped that the review would be completed prior to the next election.

CONCLUDED that the scope and project plan be agreed.

644 Work Programme

The Chair advised that Executive Scrutiny required a seamless work programme to be in place enabling smooth transition post election even if the memberships of the Committees had significantly changed whilst still leaving the option for new memberships to choose different matters to review.

Scrutiny Liaison Forum also had input into Adults Leisure and Culture's work programme. They had requested a review on the River Tees, which the Chair felt would follow on from the review of Preston Park.

The Chair believed that before undertaking a review a Select Committee ought to identify potential to add value to the issue. Therefore, he advised that, although Health and Social Care had made a good case and it was an important issue, he did not think that a review of vulnerable adults would add value to the issue. Health and Social Care were already fighting their own case.

The revisiting of the aids and adaptations review requested by the Cabinet Member Councillor Mrs Cains would be a monitoring review.

Members also suggested the following topics for inclusion on the work programme:-

- Welfare Rights
- Respite care in homes
- Adult Education

The 'Are You Being Served' elderly persons event could identify further issues which could be included in the work programme.

The Chair advised that he would speak with the Corporate Director of Children Education and Social Care and Marie Rose (Head of Adult Operational Services) to ensure that issues related to Adults were being dealt with and would obtain further information on Adult Education

CONCLUDED that:-

1. Vulnerable adults would be removed from the work programme.
2. The Chair will speak with the Corporate Director of Children Education and Social Care and Marie Rose (Head of Adult Operation Services) to ensure that issues related to Adults was being dealt with and would obtain further information on Adult Education.

3. The future work programme would be considered again at the Committee's next meeting.