

## **Corporate & Social Inclusion Select Committee**

A meeting of Corporate & Social Inclusion Select Committee was held on Tuesday, 19th June, 2007.

**Present:** Cllr David Coleman (Chairman), Cllr Mrs Ann Cains, Cllr Aidan Cockerill, Cllr Mick Eddy, Cllr Mrs Suzanne Fletcher, Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell, Cllr Roy Rix, Cllr Mick Womphrey

**Officers:** S Chaytor (Tees Active); J Danks (Resources); J Trainer, S Johnson (LD)

**Also in attendance:** No other persons in attendance

**Apologies:** Cllr Andrew Larkin

### **CSI 1/07 Meeting Venues Action Plan**

Members were presented with the action plan for the Review of Meeting Venues.

Members discussed the information to be provided on all meeting venues and considered that the acoustics of each venue was an important consideration and should be included. The Scrutiny Officer agreed to feed the information back to the relevant officers.

Members agreed that November 2007 would be a suitable timescale for officers to report back on the progress of the action plan.

CONCLUDED that:-

1. The action plan for the Review of Meeting Venues be approved.
2. A progress report on the action plan be reported to the Committee in November 2007.

### **CSI 2/07 Review of Theatre Subsidy**

Members were presented with the scope and project plan for the Review of Theatre Subsidy.

Members discussed the approach to the review and agreed that a site visit would be beneficial. Members discussed the condition of the Forum building and requested that a position statement outlining the current condition of the building be provided to the Committee.

The Committee agreed that it would be useful to have a site visit and a meeting immediately afterwards and it was agreed that this should be arranged as an additional meeting at the end of July.

CONCLUDED that:-

1. The Scope and Project Plan for the Review of Theatre Subsidy be approved.
2. The Committee be provided with a position statement on the current condition of the Forum building.

3. A site visit and an additional meeting be arranged for the end of July 2007.

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### **Stockton/Darlington Partnership - Joint Scrutiny**

Members of the Committee were presented with a report that suggested a joint scrutiny review of the Stockton Darlington Partnership proposals be undertaken with Darlington Borough Council.

The Cabinet reports of 1 December 2005 and 1 February 2007 were attached to the report and outlined the proposals for joint working across a number of Resources services with Darlington Borough Council. Approval in principle had already been given for the Partnership to commence, subject to the preparation of a business case which was expected to be reported to the respective Cabinets in October/November 2007.

The Corporate Director of Resources advised Members that a Gateway Review (Gate 0) had already been undertaken by the 4Ps to ensure the evaluation/decision-making process was robust, and that a number of recommendations had been implemented as a result. A Gate 1 Review was also planned for August-time, ahead of the Cabinet approval.

The Officer advised that Darlington Council's Resources Scrutiny Committee had expressed the desire to undertake a review of the work ahead of the final Cabinet decision linking into the Gateway Review exercise.

The Officer advised the Committee that the actual scope of the scrutiny work had yet to be determined, but it had been suggested that a joint scrutiny review be undertaken between the two Councils. A review group consisting of around 4 Stockton and 4 Darlington Councillors had been suggested with a timeline for completion of September 2007.

Members discussed the proposal and the Stockton Darlington Partnership and agreed that Councillor's Coleman, Mrs O'Donnell, Rix and Womphrey be nominated to be part of the review group.

**CONCLUDED that:-**

1. A joint scrutiny review of the Stockton Darlington Partnership with Darlington Borough Council be included in the work programme for the Committee.
2. Councillor's Coleman, Mrs O'Donnell, Rix and Womphrey be nominated to be part of the review group.