

Arts Leisure & Culture Select Committee

A meeting of Arts Leisure & Culture Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 7th May, 2008.

Present: Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell (Chairman), Cllr Hilary Aggio, Cllr Alan Lewis, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr Mick Womphrey

Officers: N Russell (CESC), P Mennear, M Jones (LD)

Also in attendance: No other person was in attendance.

Apologies: Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Mrs Kath Nelson

ALC 1/08 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests declared.

ALC 2/08 Minutes of the Meeting Held 25th March 2008

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2008.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2008 be forwarded to Council for consideration.

ALC 3/08 Select Committee Terms of Reference

The Scrutiny Officer noted the Revised Select Committee Terms of Reference. Executive Scrutiny Committee had given consideration to a number of Scrutiny structure and constitutional issues arising from its review of scrutiny activities in the past year. In common with the other Select Committees, the Committee's Terms of Reference had been amended so that its work programme could in future include reviewing matters outside of its thematic remit, in order to reflect the overall corporate priorities.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

ALC 4/08 Review of Tees Active

Members were presented with the draft Scope and Project Plan for the Review of Tees Active.

The Scrutiny Officer explained that the Tees Active Leisure Trust had been in operation since 1 May 2004, managing the operation of Stockton Borough's leisure facilities on behalf of the Local Authority. Since its time in operation there had been no comprehensive review of Tees Active and therefore it was considered timely for the committee to now review this. Members were forwarded three Cabinet reports, dated December 2002, November 2003, and February 2004, which outlined the decisions taken during the process of setting up Tees Active.

The main issues for the committee were: -

- Review operation of the contract, performance set against the objectives and business plan originally set for the Trust prior to conception, value for money, investment in services and plans for the future;
- Ensure that engagement is taking place with all sections of the community, increasing participation and innovative ways of working are being identified. Due reference to role of Sports Development, extended schools sports provision and services for Looked After Children.
- Relevant future developments include Billingham Forum, extension to Splash and the opportunities relating to the period leading up to and beyond the 2012 Olympic Games.

Members discussed the possible officers and organisations to request evidence from, and possible areas to explore, including carrying out an anonymous survey of the staff and speaking to the Tees Active Academy. It was also suggested that the site visits to Tees Active be combined with the Committee's meetings.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted and the scope and project plan be agreed.