

## **Regeneration & Transport Select Committee**

A meeting of Regeneration & Transport Select Committee was held on Monday, 27th September, 2010.

**Present:** Cllr Maurice Perry (Chairman), Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr John Fletcher, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Bill Noble, Cllr Fred Salt

**Officers:** Mrs T Connor, Mrs S Daniels, J McCann, S Milner, C Willows (DNS); Mrs J Elstob (PPP); G Birtle, Mrs T Harrison (LD)

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

**Apologies:** Cllr Michael Smith

### **RTS 40/10      Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **RTS 41/10      Minutes of the Meetings held on 21st June 2010, 5th July 2010 and 19th July 2010.**

The minutes of the meetings held on 21st June 2010, 5th July 2010 and 19th July 2010 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **RTS 42/10      Minutes of the Meetings held on 26th July 2010 and 16th August 2010.**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meetings held on 26th July 2010 and 16th August 2010.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meetings held on 26th July 2010 and 16th August 2010 be agreed and forwarded to Council for consideration.

### **RTS 43/10      EIT Review of Events, Arts, and Tourism**

Members were advised of focus groups that would be taking place for the specific purpose of consulting on Events, Arts and Tourism.

Some Members wished to attend and observe the focus groups but were advised that officer experience showed that people did not fully participate if elected Members were in attendance.

Discussion took place regarding charging for events. If charging took place suggestions such as charging for vantage seating/standing, charging smaller amounts for all performances, charge for the music events. Charging for parking in parks was suggested; however it was observed that this would encourage parking in residential areas.

It was observed that Market Traders should be consulted in this review as their perception was that takings were reduced when any event was held in Stockton Town Centre.

Members were advised that the Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council web site provided for feedback on events, arts and tourism. Officers also advised that

during events officers obtained feedback from members of the public.

Discussion took place regarding ways in which Stockton-on-Tees Borough and the events held in the Borough could be publicised in other towns around the United Kingdom.

CONCLUDED that:

1. The report be noted.
2. Focus Group questions will include arts and tourism.
3. Upon conclusion of the focus groups Members will be provided with the compiled information along with the compiled feedback from 2010 Stockton International Riverside Festival.

**RTS  
44/10**      **Review of Winter Maintenance**

Clarification was given on previously agreed recommendations and further details were provided in relation to cost analysis for recommendation three.

Officers observed that the cost analysis had factored in the possibility of another bad winter comparable to 2009, however this might not be the case and so there would be an underspend. If there was a longer period of severe weather it could result in an overspend.

The Government had confirmed that there was a lack of salt therefore the issues for the Council were availability of salt and finance.

Following Members queries, Officers confirmed that Stockton Council purchased rather than leased gritters due to the savings achieved.

CONCLUDED that the report be noted.

**RTS  
45/10**      **Work Programme**

Members were advised that the next scheduled meeting would be held on 8th November, however if it was observed that an additional meeting should be arranged in October to ensure that the committee kept with the required deadline.

CONCLUDED that an additional meeting will be arranged for October 2010.

**RTS  
46/10**      **Chair's Update**

The Chair advised that he and the Vice Chair attended the Rat Race which had been a good event.

CONCLUDED that the update be noted.