

Regeneration & Transport Select Committee

A meeting of Regeneration & Transport Select Committee was held on Thursday, 28th October, 2010.

Present: Cllr Maurice Perry(Chairman), Cllr Dick Cains(Vice-Chairman), Cllr John Fletcher, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Bill Noble, Cllr Michael Smith

Officers: Sue Daniels, Tara Connor, Jan Doherty, Simon Milner(DNS), Graham Birtle, Kirsty Wannop(LDS)

Also in attendance: None

Apologies: Cllr Kevin Faulks

RTS 47/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

RTS 48/10 Minutes of the Meetings held on 26th July 2010 and 16th August 2010.

Minutes of the meeting held on 26th July 2010 and 16th August 2010 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

RTS 49/10 Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th September 2010

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2010.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2010 be forwarded to Council for consideration.

RTS 50/10 EIT Review of Events, Arts and Tourism

Members were presented with a DVD of the SIRF and Fringe festival which showed the wide variety of productions which had taken place. Members suggested that the DVD could be used to promote Stockton and the events it holds. Members were advised this was already planned and would include footage from the Rat Race and the Triathlon. Members expressed the need for more media coverage of the signature events regionally to encourage people to visit Stockton.

The Committee discussed the feedback from the recent Viewpoint focus group sessions and noted that events were held in high regard by residents.

The Committee was provided with information and statistics on 5 events which were SIRF, Take to the Tees, Vehicle and Vintage Rally, Rat Race and Stockton Triathlon. Members discussed the feedback from the events highlighting that overall the events were successful. During SIRF a quarter of businesses experienced a 50% or greater increase in turnover which helped to improve Stockton's economy. The committee suggested the need for more media attention on the T.V for signature events to help boost the events regionally.

Officers were currently considering the development of a 5 year strategy for the

events which would help improve the service provided. They were also looking at the possibility of charging for some events and this would be looked at in detail and discussed with the Committee at a future meeting.

The Chair reminded the Committee of the evidence that had been presented to date.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

RTS **Work Programme**
51/10

Members were reminded that the next meeting was 8th November 2010.

RTS **Chair's Update**
52/10

The Chair had nothing to report to the Committee.