

Arts Leisure & Culture Select Committee

A meeting of Arts Leisure & Culture Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 16th March, 2011.

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

Officers: Peter Mennear, Fiona McKie (LD); Garry Cummings (R).

Also in attendance:

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Cllr Dick Cains; Cllr Kath Nelson, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley.

ALC 40/10 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Hilary Aggio declared a personal/non prejudicial interest further to having a membership with Tees Active.

ALC 41/10 **Minutes of the Meetings held on 10th and 24th November 2010-For Signature**

Matters Arising

Badminton England were funding the replacement of spectator seating and new flooring to the badminton courts at Thornaby Pavilion, as part of the development of the Badminton Centre of Excellence.

Members were informed that they would be forwarded copies of the minutes of the River Users Group meetings.

Members were informed that British Waterways had been invited to a future meeting and the Committee confirmed that information should be requested on the operation of the fish pass, an update on the re-development of the White Water Course, and general maintenance of the river environment.

The minutes of the meetings held on 10th and 24th November 2010 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

ALC 42/10 **Draft minutes from the meeting which was held on 9th February to be considered for approval**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 9th February were agreed as a correct record.

ALC 43/10 **Monitoring the impact of previously agreed recommendations - EIT Review of Finance, Internal Audit and Risk Management - Action Plan**

Members were requested to consider the Action Plans setting out how the agreed recommendations from the Efficiency Improvement and Transformation (EIT) Task and Finish Review of Finance would be implemented and target dates for completion.

The Officer's final report of the EIT Task and Finish Review of Finance was

considered by Cabinet in December 2010. Cabinet accepted the recommendations contained within.

The recommendations were now subject to the procedure for monitoring the implementation of the agreed recommendations. The Action Plan was attached for Members information.

Garry Cummings provided an update on the action plan. Members noted that in relation to the restructure of the service recruitment was currently progressing. In total there had been a reduction of 12 posts, however 5.5 vacancies had been deleted due to the posts being vacant, there had been 4 volunteers for early retirement and voluntary redundancy. Therefore this would result in 2.5 compulsory redundancies, 1 of which has been deferred for a year to cover maternity leave.

The progress reports would be presented to Committee on a quarterly basis.

CONCLUDED that the Action Plan be agreed and progress reports be provided quarterly.

**ALC
44/10** **Review of Select Committee's Work 2007-11**

Members were asked to consider the information outlining the work of the Select Committee during the period of 2007-11.

The Committee had undertaken a wide variety of work over the period of the current Council. This had included in-depth scrutiny reviews, and EIT reviews of various types. Members were provided with a full report that would be placed on the Council's Website.

CONCLUDED that the report be noted.