

COUNCIL MEETING – 20TH JANUARY 2016
ITEM 12 – MEMBERS QUESTION TIME

The following question has been submitted by Councillor Cherrett for response by the Cabinet Member for Arts, Culture and Leisure:-

“In 1995 the City Challenge Arts Panel spent funding of £30,000 for a piece of public artwork entitled “Racing Ahead”. The sculpture was commissioned by artist Irene Brown after a competition the public voted in and, in the words of a Stockton Council Information leaflet at the time “the life sized greyhounds are “surging ahead with energy” and “symbolise the town’s dynamism and renaissance looking to a better future”.

The sculpture has disappeared from the High Street during the regeneration works and repeated requests to Council Officers about the whereabouts of the sculpture and its future have proved fruitless.

Surging ahead with energy and looking to a better future must surely be key issues for the regeneration of Stockton High Street so can the Cabinet Member for Arts, Leisure and Culture confirm just where the greyhounds are currently being kennelled and when and where we might hope to see them being re-homed within Stockton High Street ?”