

Adults, Leisure and Culture Select Committee

Review of Major Festivals (SIRF/BIFF)

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 21 November 2006

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

A meeting of ALCS was held on 22 November 2006, at which BIFF Trustees provided a presentation on issues relating to the festival.

The Town Centre and Market Managers are attending Committee on 18th December to discuss issues relating to the impact of SIRF on Stockton Centre's Market, and this will be followed by face to face consultation with Market Traders, to be undertaken by Members of the Committee in January. Markets Forum will be consulted on the proposed consultation via a newsletter

A meeting will be held on 10th January, at which issues relating to the impact of the festivals on Direct Services will be addressed by the Head of Direct Services and the Cabinet Member for Environment.

The final Committee meeting, being held on 30 January will provide Members with the opportunity to discuss the strategic direction of both festivals with Mark Robinson, Executive Director, Arts Council North East, and the SBC Corporate Directors for CESC and DANS.

Timescale for Review

As outlined in the Project Plan, the review is due for completion on the 21st March 2007 with submission to Cabinet on 12th April 2007