

Arts, Leisure and Culture Select Committee

Review of River Based Leisure Facilities

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 17 September 2007

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

The Committee has started the review by receiving an overview of the various regeneration projects which are in place for the riverside area. Evidence has been received from Sarah Robson (Tees Valley Regeneration) and Les Southerton (StocktonMiddlesbrough initiative). Implementation of these projects is gathering pace and the Committee is aware of the need to keep informed of the latest developments, including those in the Town Centre area.

The Committee has also spoken to Mr Joe Wilson (owner of Teesside Princess) and gained an insight into the running of a river based business. The Committee will be speaking to members of river based sporting clubs; a special meeting for late September/early October is being arranged for this purpose. Committee has also requested an update from the Police Borough Commander in order to review the issue of anti-social behaviour at locations along the river.

Planned consultation includes using the Youth Viewpoint/Viewpoint panel, a suitable method of consulting business and ward councillors/ parish councils bordering the river.

The review also received widespread publicity in the local press, in particular articles in the Herald and Post, and the Evening Gazette.

Timescale for Review

The review remains on schedule and is due to report to Cabinet at the first meeting of the next municipal year.

Monitoring

The Committee will shortly be receiving updates on progress with the Preston Hall review and an action plan for the Festivals review.