

Regeneration and Transport Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 16 November 2010

EIT Review of Events, Arts and Tourism

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

The Committee considered options for the review at its meeting on 20 December 2010. These included:

Option 1 – Discontinue the Council's Event Programme and remove the Events Technical Support Service Team

Option 2 – Outsource the delivery of the Council's Event Programme, including Event Technical Support

Option 3 - Commit to a Council Programme of Events and develop a co-ordinated and cohesive Events Service (The Committee supported this option) (Efficiency savings - £20,000 p.a. from year 2)

In addition, Arts Development, Arts Investment, and Tourism were considered.

Arts – Officers to work up detailed proposals for 12.5% savings to be delivered over the next 5 years.

Tourism - The impact on the service due to the demise of visitTeesvalley and restructuring of Tees Valley Unlimited (TVU) is currently being considered as part of a Management review of Regeneration & Economic Development.

It is proposed that the vacancy in the tourism team is deleted generating a saving of £29,000 (23% of total tourism budget).

There is also an opportunity to provide tourist information outlets at the Customer Contact Centres in the three town centres when they are available and the Committee was asked to consider this as a possible recommendation of the review.

The Committee will be finalising its report and recommendations on 31 January 2011. The report will be presented to Cabinet on 17 March 2011.

EIT Task and Finish Review of Highway management

The Committee received the scope of the review and will be considering the options and recommendations at the meeting on 31 January.

Monitoring

The Committee will receive monitoring updates for its reviews of Commissioning and Provision of Public and Community Transport, Pavement Parking, and Sustainable School Transport on 31 January 2011.