People Select Committee

A meeting of People Select Committee was held on Monday, 29th June, 2015.

Present: Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell (Chair); Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Lisa Grainge, Cllr Di Hewitt, Cllr Barbara Inman, Cllr Eileen Johnson and Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley.

Officers: P Kelly, S Bowman - Abouna (PH), J Trainer, P J Mennear, P K Bell (LD), N Russell (DNS).

Also in attendance: None.

Apologies: Cllr Ben Houchen and Cllr Stefan Houghton.

1 Evacuation Procedure

The evacuation procedure was noted.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Monitoring the Impact of Previously Agreed Recommendations

Members were asked to consider and agree the Action Plans setting out how the agreed recommendations from the review of the Effects of the Arts, Leisure and Culture on Wellbeing.

During 2014-15, the former Arts, Leisure and Culture Select Committee completed a review of Effects of the Arts, Leisure and Culture on Wellbeing. This had been allocated to People Select Committee for ongoing monitoring.

Once agreed, reviews were then subject to the procedure for monitoring the implementation of agreed recommendations. An Action Plan had been drawn up and was attached to the report. This set out how the relevant departments would be taking forward the agreed recommendations and included target dates for completion.

The Director of Public Health and the Consultant in Public Health were in attendance at the meeting and updated Members with regard to the Action Plan for the Wellbeing Review.

Members requested that dates be included for the Action Plan where needed.

Members then watched a film about a community dance project in Nottingham based on the Bolero/Torvill and Dean Gold medal.

Members would receive six-monthly updates on the implementation of recommendations, until all recommendations had been signed off as complete.

Also attached to the report was the relevant final report, for background information.

AGREED that the Action Plan be agreed

4 Monitoring the Impact of Previously Agreed Recommendations

Members were asked to consider the assessments of progress contained within the Progress Updates on the implementation of previously agreed recommendations. There were outstanding recommendations from the reviews of Affordable Warmth, Demographic Information, Child Poverty, and Welfare Reform and Financial Inclusion.

Following the Cabinet consideration of scrutiny reports, accepted recommendations were then subject to a monitoring process to track their implementation.

Two main types of report were used. Initially this was by means of Action Plans detailing how services would be taking forward agreed recommendations. This was then followed by a Progress Report at a future agreed date. Evidence was submitted by the relevant department together with an assessment of progress against all recommendations. Should Members of the Select Committee agree, those recommendations which had reached an assessment of '1' were then signed off as having been completed.

In order to track those recommendations which were not signed off following the first round of Progress Reports, a series of progress updates were submitted for all Select Committees on a 6-monthly basis.

The categories for the assessment of progress for each recommendation were detailed within the report.

Link officers would not normally be in attendance for future six - monthly progress updates, but Member comments would be communicated to the services concerned by the Scrutiny Team.

The outstanding recommendations for the Committee were attached to the report. Members were asked to review the update and indicate whether they agree with the assessment of progress.

Members requested further information at a future meeting on the delivery of the wider work on poverty and the Brighter Borough for All document, and how that related to the school holiday signposting, and the pilot of free school meals/breakfast clubs, with regard to the Review of Child Poverty.

Members requested further information on the scope of Speech and Language Services in the Borough.

AGREED that the report be agreed, and the information requested be provided.

5 Work Programme

The Scrutiny Officer outlined the Work Programme.

AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.

6 Chair's Update

Members agreed to have all future meetings at 1.30pm and that where possible they are held in the Jim Cooke Conference Suite or Municipal Buildings.