

Time commenced - 6.00 pm
Time finished - 7.35 pm

**CULTURE AND PROSPERITY COMMISSION
16 NOVEMBER 2004**

Present: Councillor Repton (in the Chair)
Councillors Gupta, Jackson, Latham, Marshall, Smalley,
Tittley and Travis

24/04 Apologies for Absence

None received.

25/04 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

26/04 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Jackson and Tittley declared personal interests as employee/ex-employee of Rolls Royce.

Councillor Gupta declared a personal interest as she was involved in an Asian Arts organisation.

27/04 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2004 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Items for Discussion

28/04 Electing a Co-opted Member to the Commission

The Commission considered an application by Mr Roy Hartle to be co-opted to the Commission for the duration of its topic review of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site in Derby.

Resolved to recommend that Council approve the appointment of Roy Hartle as a Co-opted Member of the Commission for the duration of its topic review of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site in Derby.

29/04 Economic Development

A presentation was given by Richard Williams, Head of City Development and Tourism on 'Drivers of Economic Change – Where will Derby's jobs come from?'

The presentation covered the areas of:

- How many people were employed in Derby and in which sectors
- Unemployment figures
- Impact of low wage economies
- Sources for future jobs
- Future growth figures
- Implications for Derby City Council

Discussion took place on the loss of skills-base following large company downsizing.

Concern was expressed about the effect on Derby's other shopping areas once the Eagle Centre had been extended.

Resolved to

- 1. Thank Richard Williams for his presentation.**
- 2. Note the report.**

30/04 Three Cities Festivals Consortium

Donna Fox, Head of Arts and Events, gave a presentation on the Three Cities Urban Cultural Programme. The Three Cities being Derby, Leicester and Nottingham.

The presentation contained the following information:

- Background to the programme, bids were invited for share of £15million fund from the Millennium Commission and Arts Council England.
- £800,000 awarded, which was the highest award of those who did not bid for the Capital of Culture.
- Objectives – celebration of cultures, contemporary commissions and inter-city planning, development and collaboration.
- Make up of the Three Cities Consortium
- Regional working
- Recent developments and future proposals, including details of launch
- Details of website www.threecities.org.uk

Resolved to:

- 1. Thank Donna Fox for her presentation.**
- 2. Note the report.**

31/04 Call-in

There were no call-ins.

32/04 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

There were no items to consider.

33/04 Response of the Council Cabinet to any reports of the Commission

Best Value Review of Sport and Leisure

An extract of the Council Cabinet minutes from 9 November 2004 was circulated. The Commission noted the response of the Council Cabinet to the Commission's report.

At its meeting on 27 September 2004, the Commission had recommended that Council Cabinet should not approve the final report and improvement plan.

Concern was expressed that the report and plan had been approved and the Commission felt that the review should be monitored closely.

Resolved to note the Council Cabinet response.

Matters Referred to the Commission by the Council Cabinet

There were no items.

Work Plan

34/04 Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.

The Commission considered a scoping report for the review of the way in which Derby city Council promotes the part of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site that lies within the City boundary.

The report contained background information on the sites in Derby and information on the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Management Plan.

The plan seeks to advise and influence the management of the site in line with its objectives.

The suggested objective of the Commission's review should be to examine the actions that have been and will be taken to promote the part of the World Heritage Site that lies within the City boundary and, by implication, to see what else might be done to promote that part of the site.

The stakeholders for the review were noted as:

- a) Derby City Council (including Derby City Partnership)
- b) The Derwent Valley Mills Partnership
- c) The Mill Owners
- d) The Public
- e) Residents of Darley Abbey

The Commission considered the suggested methodology and provisional timetable for the review.

Resolved to note the report.

MINUTES END