

ITEM 4

Time commenced - 6.00 pm
Time finished - 7.45 pm

CULTURE AND PROSPERITY COMMISSION 28 JUNE 2005

Present: Councillor Repton (in the Chair)
Councillors Dhindsa, Jackson, Marshall, Smalley and West

01/05 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dhamrait and Travis.

02/05 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

03/05 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

04/05 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Items for Discussion

05/05 Overview and Scrutiny Objectives and Work Planning for 2005/06

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate Services asking them to consider objectives and work planning for 2005/06. Katherine Taylor, Assistant Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer, advised that the Scrutiny Management Commission at its meeting on 7 June 2005, resolved to include retrospective scrutiny as a standing item on Commission agendas and to extend a standing invitation to the Council Cabinet members to attend Commission Pre-agenda meetings. Katherine asked that Members also identified areas to consider for topic review.

The Commission considered the following topics for review or scrutiny;

- library provision in Derby
- tourist accommodation – the need for a large hotel in the City Centre
- orchestral music in Derby

- tourism – business and leisure, including various types of accommodation
- Olympic games training venues
- Review of Derby's markets
- Impacts of the new Eagle Centre development
- problems with sports centres

Councillor Dhindsa suggested that the relevant Council Cabinet Member attend the next meeting to discuss their programme of work for the forthcoming year to see if there were any issues that could be considered by the Commission.

Resolved

- 1. to consider Culture in Derby as a retrospective scrutiny item**
- 2. to ask the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer to suggest a scope on Derby Markets and Impact of the Eagle Centre Development to be considered at the next meeting.**

06/05 Performance Eye

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate Services asking Members to consider the action it wished to take in monitoring the performance under its area of responsibility. Katherine Taylor, Assistant Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer advised the Commission that it had been suggested that the Commission might wish to consider designating certain Commission members as the Performance Eye champions. These members would lead their Commission on Performance Management issues and would develop expertise in this field. The Co-ordination team would be able to provide support to the Performance Eye champion.

Resolved:

- 1. to nominate Councillor Dhindsa as the Performance Eye Champion**
- 2. to invite the relevant Council Cabinet member to each Commission meeting to give explanations and updates on any red items identified from Performance Eye.**

07/05 Review of Culture in Derby

The Commission received a presentation from Ray Rippingale, Assistant Director Cultural Services. Ray updated Members on the recommendations from the Commission's Review of Culture in Derby.

Resolved to note the update on the review of culture in Derby.

08/05 Three Cities Create and Connect Project

The Commission received a presentation from Peter Meakin, Head of Arts and Events, on the three cities create and connect project. He advised that the project was a unique partnership between Derby, Leicester and Nottingham City Councils, also Emda, the Arts Council for England and it was funded by the Millennium Commission and the Arts Council for England. Ray advised that the partnership had given major boost to Derby's cultural profile including the Caribbean carnival, the international children's theatre and dance festival, A Tale of Three Cities and the Poet Laureate – Ian McMillan.

Councillor Smalley asked if there were any plans to extend the Leicester comedy scene into Derby. Peter responded that they had got them involved in the Darley weekend which was another project enhanced by the Three Cities Partnership.

Councillor Repton stated that this had been an exciting and enthusiastic presentation.

Resolved to note the presentation.

09/05 Call-in

There were no call ins.

10/05 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The Commission considered the Council Cabinet Forward Plan and agreed to consider the following item at the most appropriate time.

Ref 149/04 – Heritage Lottery Projects.

11/05 Matters Referred to the Commission by the Council Cabinet

A Strategy for Physical Activity and Sport in Derby

The Commission considered a report of the Director of Education that had been referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet at its meeting on 14 June 2005. John Brown and Andrew Beddow, Heads of Sport and Leisure, outlined the sport, sport facilities and physical activity strategy for Derby and advised that the strategy had been developed in partnership with Derby Central and Greater Derby Primary Care Trust and had already been endorsed by both of these boards. The Council would have a key role to play in leading the co-ordination of the strategy and it would challenge the way physical activity would be perceived and delivered in the City.

The Commission were advised that between now and November officers would like to see them involved in visits to sports facilities and schools in Derby and to see what could be provided in-house, from the private sector and from the voluntary sector. Councillor Repton suggested that Members also be involved in investigating what facilities other authorities have and speak to officers at these Authorities and arrange visits to their facilities.

The Commission welcomed the presentation and although there were some reservations about some of the options, they were happy that this be taken forward.

Resolved to note the report.

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