

Time began 2.00pm
Time ended 2.10pm

**LEISURE AND DIRECT SERVICES CABINET
MEMBER MEETING
7 NOVEMBER 2007**

Present: Councillor Graves

Also present: Councillor Bayliss

08/07 Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

09/07 Late Items Introduced by the Cabinet Member

No late items were received.

10/07 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

11/07 Minutes of meeting held on 1 August 2007

The minutes of the meeting on 1 August 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

Matters Referred

12/07 Recommendation of the Community Commission regarding the Funding Agreement between Derby City Council and the Derby Playhouse

The Cabinet Member considered a report which recommended that next year's funding agreement give a high priority to improving the access to the Playhouse by Derby's amateur theatre community.

Resolved to note the report.

13/07 Recommendation of the Scrutiny Management Commission regarding the petition 'Crisis in Community Theatre in Derby'

The Cabinet Member considered a report from the Scrutiny Management Commission recommending that the points made in the petition be considered and to provide a response to the Scrutiny Management Commission in January 2008.

David Romaine – Scrutiny and Complaints Manager – advised that a special meeting of the Community Commission has been arranged for 28 November 2007 to consider the points raised in the petition. A representative from Derby Playhouse will be invited to the meeting.

Ray Rippingale – Assistant Director, Culture – reported on the request in the petition to reduce the hire charges at the Assembly Rooms or Guildhall or provide grants to meet increasing costs. He advised that current charges are below commercial rates. Any scope to reduce charges would depend on the levels of Council subsidy rates. Councillor Bayliss noted that it was not known what level of charges the petitioners would like to see.

Ray Rippingale advised that the Steering Group on performance spaces in the City was not currently meeting. This was because there had been no opportunity to apply for major investment since the completion of an application for National Lottery funding.

Resolved to note the report and to provide a response to the Scrutiny Management Commission meeting of 29 January 2008.

MINUTES END