

Time commenced - 6.00 pm
Time finished - 6.55 pm

CULTURE AND PROSPERITY COMMISSION 22 SEPTEMBER 2003

Present: Councillor Repton (in the Chair)
Councillors J Hickson, Latham, and Troup

17/03 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jackson, A Hussain and Travis.

18/03 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

19/03 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

20/03 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2003 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Items for Discussion

21/03 Derby City Libraries Framework for the Future

The Commission received a presentation from Ray Rippingale, Assistant Director of Cultural Services, on Derby City Libraries – Framework for the Future report, which set out a shape for libraries to follow and sets public library standards.

The document gave a 10 year view on the way that libraries should be developing. It set out 3 main themes:

- Books, reading and learning – development of literacy, advancing peoples reading
- Digital Citizenship – access to electronic information and the support to be given to use the information
- Community and civic values – social cohesion and inclusion

It was reported that following the publication of Framework for the Future the DCMS (Derby City Museum Service) published a 3 year action plan of funding to cover central costs. The action plan included a national roll out of reading groups in

libraries – September 2005 and a revision of the National Public Library Standards in March 2004.

It was reported that a proposal would be prepared for the budget for two Specialist Officers, a Reading Development Officer and a Lifelong Learning Officer, to help promote and implement new facilities.

Resolved to note the presentation

22/03 Call-In

There were no items.

23/03 Forward Plan

The Commission agreed not to seek pre-decision scrutiny of any items in the Forward Plan at this time.

24/03 Responses of the Council Cabinet to any Reports of the Commission

No items

Matters Referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

25/03 Arts and Entertainment Best Value Review - Update

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Development and Cultural Services, which set out progress on the Arts and Entertainments Best Value Review. The report provided an update from the Best Value Review of the City's Arts and Entertainment function that was completed in February 2001.

Key issues for the Guildhall and Assembly Rooms included the introduction of Internet ticket sales and adopting Achievement and Development schemes. It was noted that an Education Officer would link up with people in the community that wanted to perform or produce and provide an opportunity to use the space at the Guildhall/Assembly Rooms.

It was reported that every part of the organisation, including the Arts Services, Assembly Rooms and the Guildhall, now had business plans.

The report also highlighted key issues for the Arts Services including creating an Education Action Plan that would provide more arts and creative opportunities for young people, also the introduction of an Arts presence on the Internet.

Resolved to note the report.

Work Plan

26/03 Culture in Derby – Update Report on the Commission's 2003/04 Review

The Commission considered a report from the Chair of the Culture and Prosperity Commission setting out an update on the Commission's review of Culture in Derby. The report set out the timetable for the review, of which 2 elements had been completed.

It was noted that the marketing consultant appointed by the Commission had completed the face-to-face survey of 1000 people and was currently analysing the data. The results of the survey would be available in October 2003.

Resolved to note the report.

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