

ITEM 4a

Time commenced - 6.00 pm
Time finished - 8.01 pm

CULTURE AND PROSPERITY COMMISSION 23 JANUARY 2006

Present: Councillor Travis (in the Chair)
Councillors Dhamrait, Graves, Jackson, Rawson, Troup, West
and Willitts

43/05 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

44/05 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

45/05 Declarations of Interest

Councillor West declared a personal interest on minute number 49/05 Revenue Budget 2006/7 and 2008/9 on the grounds he was a member of the Arts Council Board.

Councillor Travis declared a personal interest on minute number 49/05 on the grounds she was on the Playhouse Board.

46/05 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

47/05 Call-in

There were no call-ins.

Items for Discussion

48/05 Sports Centre Development

Agreed to defer the item to a special meeting of the Culture and Prosperity Commission.

49/05 Revenue Budget 2006/7 to 2008/09

The Commission considered the Draft Revenue Budget for 2006/7 to 2008/09. The Commission were given the opportunity to ask questions on the aspects of the budget that came under the remit of the Culture and Prosperity Commission.

A petition was presented from the Friends of Derby Museums and Art Galleries which was signed by 2,276 people expressing their objections to the proposed cuts to budgets for Derby's museums and art galleries. A letter was received from the Board of the Derby Playhouse recording their disappointment at decision to freeze the 2006/7 grant for the second year in succession. The petition and letter were considered as part of the discussion on the 2006/07 draft budget.

Resolved:

- 1. to urge the Council Cabinet to review the spending cuts in the Museums Service that are proposed in the draft Revenue Budget**
- 2. to agree with the budget proposal to hold arts grants at their cash level for 2005/06**
- 3. to support the proposal to allocate £100,000 to Derby Marketing in 2006/07 and £200,000 in 2007/08**
- 4. to note that the Commission recognised the need to market and promote Derby and considered that this could best be done through an organisation such as Derby Marketing**
- 5. to recommend that some of the income resulting from the increased sales and revised sales and revised pricing at the Assembly Rooms should be ring-fenced and itemised in subsequent budgets**
- 6. to refer the petition from Friends of Derby Museums and Art Galleries to the Scrutiny Management Commission for investigation**

50/05 Work Plan for 2005/06

The Commission considered the scoping report for the Commission's review of Sponsorship for Arts and Events programmes in Derby. The report set out the possible scope of the review which was intended to investigate the ways in which the City Council might obtain sponsorship for its arts and events programme.

Resolved to approve the scoping report.

51/05 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items.

52/05 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 30/05 – Quad Progress Report – Agreed to receive an update

53/05 Responses of the Council Cabinet to any reports of the Commission

There were no items.

54/05 Matters Referred to the Commission by the Council Cabinet

There were no items.

MINUTES END