

ITEM 4

Time started – 6.03pm
Time finished – 7.42pm

COMMUNITY COMMISSION 30 March 2010

Present: Councillor Grimadell (Chair)
Councillors Bayliss, Lowe, Redfern and Richards

In Attendance: Councillors Baxter

110/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chera, R Khan and Leeming.

111/09 Late Items introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

112/09 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Bayliss declared a personal interest in Minutes 100/09, 102/09 and 104/09 as a Council appointed member of the Board of Derby Homes.

Councillor Grimadell declared a personal interest in Minutes 105/09 and 107/09 as he is a Member of ViVA and Déda.

113/09 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

114/09 Call-in

There were no call-ins to report to the Commission.

115/09 Councillor Call for Action

There were no Councillor Calls for Action to report to the Commission.

116/09 Responses of the Council Cabinet to any reports of the Commission

The Commission noted the responses of the Council Cabinet to the following Commission reports

- Revenue Budget Proposals 2010/11

- Capital Programme
- Rent Levels and Housing Benefit Subsidy
- CLAC Funding

Resolved to note the responses

Items for Discussion

117/09 Derby Museums Service

The Commission received a presentation from the Head of Museums on the proposed review of the service. Members were informed that it would focus on the opportunity Derby had given its enlightenment tradition, museums history and its cultural and physical changes. The review aimed to ensure the service was fit for purpose for years to come and that benefits that have previously been seen as by-products of museums, such as learning and community opportunities, would become recognised as actual purposes of the service.

Members were informed that in drawing up the review so far, efforts had been concentrated on the desired outcomes but that the focus would now switch to identifying resources and processes that would lead to the outputs enabling those outcomes to materialise.

The Assistant Director for Culture informed members that the review was expected to be considered formally by Cabinet in June.

Commission members supported the proposals and agreed that the service needed to take steps to make its existing collection more accessible, celebrate the city's cultural diversity and encourage more Derby people as well as visitors to the city to access the service.

Resolved to:

- 1) note the presentation;**
- 2) note the Commission's thanks to the officers involved for the work undertaken so far;**
- 3) recommend to Council Cabinet that efforts be made to explore the possibility of renting stored museum artefacts to city businesses and organisations and that a business case assessing the viability of this proposal be drawn up.**
- 4) Request that the final report be brought to a future Commission meeting.**

118/09 State of the City Report

The Policy and Strategy Manager outlined the State of the City Report and it explained that it would be used as a single documented evidence base,

replacing the various and sometimes differing data available at present. Members were informed that the data profile would be available to view in late May.

Resolved to:

- 1) note the Commission's thanks to the officers involved for the work undertaken so far;**
- 2) revisit when the draft document becomes available to view.**

119/09 Crematorium Sub Group

Councillor Baxter briefed the Commission on work undertaken by the Sub Group so far. The attending Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer informed members that as a result the Sub Group had not finalised its recommendations and that a further meeting would be required to do this.

The outstanding issues that the Sub Group wished to revisit were:

- the costing of an extension
- a ministerial letter regarding pace of change
- the possibility of extended opening hours.

Resolved to:

- 1) note the progress made so far;**
- 2) delegate authority to the Chair and Vice Chair to consider the Sub Group's final recommendations.**

120/09 Retrospective Scrutiny

The Commission expressed concern over the lack of information forthcoming over the proposals regarding the public toilets.

Resolved to:

- 1) request that the Cabinet Member responsible specifically give Commission members details of how the budget allocation relating to public toilets will be deployed and broken down in 2010/11;**
- 2) request that this detail is provided by email to Commission members no later than 16 April 2010.**

121/09 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The attending Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer advised members of a number of relevant items that appeared on the Forward Plan

Resolved to request that following items listed on the Forward Plan be brought to a future meetings for consideration:

- **Supporting People Strategy 2010-13**

- **Fly Tipping Review**
- **Housing Private Finance Initiative**
- **Homelessness Strategy**
- **Review of Designation of Derby City Council Flats**
- **Housing Revenue Subsidy Account**
- **Procurement of Partner to manage the Council's Golf Courses**
- **Establishing the Future of Derby's Museums**

122/09 **Matters referred to the Commission by Council
Cabinet**

There were no items.

MINUTES END