

Time commenced - 6.00 pm
Time finished - 7.20 pm

**CULTURE AND PROSPERITY COMMISSION
21 MARCH 2005**

Present: Councillor Repton (in the Chair)
Councillors Marshall and Travis

59/04 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gupta, Jackson, Smalley, Tittley and Webb

60/04 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

61/04 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

62/04 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Items for Discussion

63/04 World Heritage Site Topic Review Report

The Commission considered the second draft of the Executive Summary and Recommendations on its Review of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site within Derby. They discussed the issues raised at its meeting with representatives of the Darley Abbey Mills on 8 March 2005.

Resolved to:

- 1. agree the draft recommendations subject to some minor amendments and the addition of the following recommendation to the Council Cabinet:**

The Council should actively investigate the opportunities for promoting the part of the World Heritage Site in Darley Abbey Village and at the Mills.

- 2. approve the final report, subject to the amendments above and once all members of the Commission had been sent a final draft of the recommendations for comment by email.**

64/04 Prioritisation for Heritage Lottery Funding

The Commission received an oral update from Ray Rippingale, Assistant Director, Culture regarding an application by the Council to the Heritage Lottery Fund - HLF. The Assistant Director told the Commission that he had received indications from the HLF that it would prefer not to receive competing requests for funding from Derby. Consequently the two sites being considered for submission to the HLF were St Helens House and the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site that lies within the City.

Ray Rippingale told the Commission that meetings had been held with the Education Service, Museums, Parks, Property and Cultural Services officers. He said that each stage of the application and bidding process would be negotiated and deadlines set.

Resolved to note the update.

65/04 Central Library and Joint Services Centre PFI Revised Brief

The Commission received an oral update from Ray Rippingale, Assistant Director, Culture regarding proposals to revise the Central Library and Joint Services Centre PFI expression of interest to focus on the development of a network of neighbourhood libraries. The Assistant Director told the Commission that, public libraries offered a sustainable outlet for providing local information and advice services for the public, which could include facilities to pay Council Tax and Housing Rent. He told the Commission that the Council had submitted an Expression of Interest for PFI funding and had the option of proceeding or not proceeding with a full scale PFI Bid once the feedback had been received on this first stage in June 2005.

The Expression of Interest would involve a new Central Library at a new location, the refurbishment of Peartree and the replacement of Spondon and Chellaston libraries.

The plan was to turn the current Central Library building in to the Local Studies Library. A new building for the central library would cost only marginally more than refurbishing the existing building and better facilities could be created with a new building. A site for the new Central Library had not been found at the time of the meeting.

Resolved to note the update.

66/04 Performing Space Audit

The Commission received an oral update from Ray Rippingale, Assistant Director, Culture regarding the Council's Performing Space Audit. He told the Commission that a wide range of businesses in Derby involved in Performing Arts were looking for extra performing space. The Council approached the Arts Council England to obtain funding to carry out a piece of research detailing the current available performing space in the City. Ray Rippingale told the Commission that the Arts Council England had matched the Council's funding of £15,000. He said that a steering group had been established and the study would start in April 2005 and finish in September 2005.

Resolved to note the update.

Call-in

There were no call-ins.

67/04 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The Commission considered the Council Cabinet Forward Plan. No items were identified for consideration at a future meeting.

Resolved to receive an update on the progress of the Commission's recommendations on its Review of Culture in Derby.

Response of the Council Cabinet to any reports of the Commission

There were no items.

Responses of the Council Cabinet to any reports of the Commission

68/04 Draft Revenue Budget Recommendations 2005/06

The Commission considered the response from Council Cabinet regarding the draft revenue budget recommendations for 2005-2006. The Commission raised concerns about the Normanton Park officer no longer being on site.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the response of Council Cabinet.**
- 2. to not proceed with the use of Performance Eye for the purpose of monitoring usage and associated costs of playgrounds.**

- 3. to invite the Council Cabinet Member for Sport and Leisure to the next meeting of the Commission to give his views on what effect stopping the funding for the Normanton Park Sports Zone officer is having in Normanton.**

Matters referred to the Commission by the Council Cabinet

There were no items.

MINUTES END