

ITEM 11

MINUTE EXTRACT

Time began 7.00pm
Time ended 8.55pm

COUNCIL CABINET 23 NOVEMBER 2010

Present Councillor Holmes (Chair)
Councillors Grimadell, Ingall, Marshall, Poulter,
Webb and Williams

In attendance Councillors Bayliss and Jones

This record of decisions was published on 25 November 2010. The key decisions set out in this record will come into force and may be implemented on the expiry of five clear days unless a key decision is called in.

111/10 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Jennings.

Key Decisions

128/10 Derby and Derbyshire Year of Culture

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Derby and Derbyshire Year of Culture. During 2009, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport launched a competition for UK City of Culture. Derby and Derbyshire stated their intention to bid for the 2017 competition and significant planning and research had been undertaken to prepare for this. In the past month, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport had stated that it would only decide in 2014 whether or when a future City of Culture competition would be held. The report reflected the significant progress made to date, its value regardless of whether there was a competition, and proposals for taking the work forward in the absence of the competition.

Options Considered

Do nothing – this would waste the valuable opportunity the City of Culture competition had presented to us to position our cultural offer more strongly both socially and economically. It also wasted the potential that a possible visit to Derby from the London 2012 Torch Relay would provide.

Decision

1. To note progress made to date on preparations for a possible Derby/Derbyshire bid to UK City of Culture 2017.
2. To support the proposal to stage a Derby and Derbyshire year of culture during 2015 regardless of the future of the competition.
3. To approve that a one off sum of £42,000, to match the Derbyshire County Council contribution to the project development fund, be found from within Leisure and Culture Department budgets during 2010/11.

Reasons

1. This area of work strengthened the significant role that culture plays in Derby and Derbyshire and the benefit of the county and city working together to deliver a more cohesive and higher profile offer.
2. The year of culture in 2015 would be the core of Derby's cultural strategy and so at the heart of our cultural ambitions. This was a cost effective and creative way to deliver some of our cultural ambitions while building on local strengths and more fully engaging local people.

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