

Brief for Scrutiny

Topic to be Scrutinised
Community Centres Review
Questions to be Addressed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Which services/ activities currently run from the centres and are believed to work well? (2) How many hours per week are these activities running? (3) Which groups do the centres and sessions target? (4) Are there other halls/ community facilities close by or due to be opened or closed which will have/ is having an impact on a particular community centre? (5) Is the centre as busy as it was 3 to 5 years ago? (6) What activities or services would people like to see offered by the community centres in the future?
Outcome
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Examine the existing funding position of Borough Museum by the Council and partners. (2) Review service delivery options for the future.
Background Materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Existing Agreements (2) Management Committee Constitutions (3) Audited accounts
Evidence and Witnesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Executive Director – Operational Services (2) Head of Leisure and Cultural Services (3) Community Development Manager (Sport and Active Lifestyles) (4) Chairs of Management Committees
Method of Scrutiny
The role of the Active and Cohesive Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to progress the areas contained in this brief in liaison with key witnesses and to call for evidence.
Timetable
To conclude the fact finding within 12 weeks and to provide a report for further consideration.
Constraints
Monitoring of the existing service is ongoing. Once this review has been completed and recommendations have been put forward they will need further consideration.
Members to Undertake the Scrutiny
Members of the Active and Cohesive Communities Overview and Scrutiny

Committee.
<p>Support</p> <p>(1) Executive Director – Operational Services (2) Head of Leisure and Cultural Services (3) Community Development Manager (Sport and Active Lifestyles)</p>
<p>Newcastle Borough Council Corporate Plan Priority Area(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a cleaner, safer and sustainable Borough. • Creating a Borough of Opportunity. • Creating a healthy and active community. • Transforming our Council to achieve excellence.
<p>CfPS Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides ‘critical friend’ challenge to executive policy makers and decision makers. • Enables the voice and concerns of the public to be heard. • Is carried out by independent governors who lead and own the scrutiny role. • Drives improvement in public services.
<p>Brief Approved by Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee</p> <p>Signed:</p> <p>Date:</p>