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Date of meeting Thursday, 9th June, 2016
Time 7.00 pm
Venue Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Merrial Street,
Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 2AG
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Active and Cohesive Communities Scrutiny Committee

AGENDA

PART 1 – OPEN AGENDA

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Declarations of Interest from Members on items included on this agenda

2 Minutes of a previous meeting (Pages 3 - 6)

3 WORK PLAN (Pages 7 - 10)

To discuss and update the work plans to reflect current scrutiny topics

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Any member of the public wishing to submit a question must serve two clear days' notice, in writing, of any such question to the Borough Council.

5 URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any business which is urgent within the meaning of Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members: Councillors Allport, Burch, Cooper, Dymond, Frankish, Heesom, Robinson, J Tagg, White and Williams (Chair)

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Members of the Council: If you identify any personal training/development requirements from any of the items included in this agenda or through issues raised during the meeting, please bring them to the attention of the Democratic Services Officer at the close of the meeting.

Meeting Quorums :- 16+= 5 Members; 10-15=4 Members; 5-9=3 Members; 5 or less = 2 Members.

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Officers will be in attendance prior to the meeting for informal discussions on agenda items.

ACTIVE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 5th October, 2015

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| Present:- | Councillor Mrs Gillian Williams – in the Chair |
| Councillors | Cooper, Eastwood, Hambleton, Parker, Plant, Tagg, Walklate and Winfield |
| | Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Localism |
| Officers | Head of Leisure and Cultural Services Scrutiny Officer |

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Woolley and Heesom.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 20th July 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

4. **PORTFOLIO HOLDER QUESTION TIME**

The Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Localism presented an overview on the Borough Museum and Art Gallery and partnership working.

The Museum had become more accessible to visitors and more interactive with schools. Improvements were required on the visitor facilities (café, meeting rooms, toilets etc.), research facilities, education spaces and stores for the collections. It had been proposed to operate a new coffee shop to encourage visitors.

A Member raised concern of a café operating close to the museum. The Member was advised that the aim of the new coffee shop was to deliver a different offering.

The highlight of the summer was to be awarded the Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence for consistently good reviews.

Resolved:-

Committee received the overview.

5. **CURRENT SPORTS DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY WITHIN NEWCASTLE BOROUGH**

The Head of Leisure and Cultural Services presented the report detailing the current activities for sports development in Newcastle Borough.

The permanent staffing resources within the Sports Development Team had been reduced to two Officers. The intention was to replace the Football Development Officer with a generic Sports Development Officer to extend coaching opportunities into other sports. The sports development section supported schools and local sports clubs through Sport England's Club Matters Programme.

Recently the government had commenced a number of new schemes to encourage public participation, one of which was target archery.

The Borough Council was facing a huge challenge to keep the borough active to contribute to the health of the community and this was compounded by the fact that as the borough's population ages there were less people in the active demographic (under 55).

A Member was surprised of how few people had grants.

The Head of Leisure and Cultural Services advised that the Sports Council would be known as Castle Sports. There would an Annual General Meeting on the 19th October to commence proceedings.

Castle Sports meet quarterly if business increases then they would have a Grant Sub Committee.

In attendance was Mr Smith, National Field Archer Coach, from Lyme Valley Archers, who presented Committee with an overview of the sport.

Resolved:-

Committee received the report.

6. **WORK PLAN**

Resolved:-

There will be an additional meeting, date to be arranged during January 2016, to receive an update report on the work of the Community Centre Review Cabinet Panel prior to being submitted to Cabinet.

7. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions submitted.

8. **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no Urgent Business.

9. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

An additional meeting to be arranged for January 2016 to seek Members comments on a report on the work of the Community Centre Review Cabinet Panel prior to being submitted to Cabinet.

COUNCILLOR MRS GILLIAN WILLIAMS
Chair

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Members: Mrs Winfield, Eastwood,
Hambleton, Miss Cooper, Mrs Heesom,
Tagg, Parker, Miss Walklate and
Woolley

ACTIVE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

Chair: Councillor Mrs Williams

Vice Chair: Councillor Plant

Portfolio Holder(s) covering the Committee's remit:

Councillor Amelia Rout (Leisure, Culture and Localism)

Councillor Elizabeth Shenton (Policy, People and Partnerships)

Councillor John Williams (Town Centres' Business and Assets)

Work Plan correct as at: Friday 5th June 2015

Remit:

Active and Cohesive Communities Scrutiny Committee is responsible for:

- Arts Development
- Britain in Bloom
- Cemeteries and Crematorium
- Children and Young People
- Safeguarding Board, Children's Centre District Management Board/Community and Learning
- Community Recreation
- Cultural Development
- Health Improvement
- Leisure Facilities
- Museum
- Sports Development

| Date of Meeting | Item | Reason for Undertaking |
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| 17th June 2015 (Agenda dispatch 5th June 2015) | Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults | Further update on the action plan to be received (following consideration at 25 Feb 2014 meeting), with clarity regarding auditing of the policy requested |
| | Public Sector Commissioning in Partnership | Members to raise questions on extending (or otherwise) the existing Infrastructure and Volunteering Service contract beyond May 2015 decision to be made November/December |
| | Work Plan & Scrutiny Topics for 2015/2016 | To discuss the work plan and potential topics that Committee members would like to scrutinise over the forthcoming year |
| 5th October 2015 (Agenda dispatch 25th September 2015) | Portfolio Holder(s) Question Time | An opportunity for the Committee to question the Portfolio Holder(s) on their priorities and work objectives for the next six months and an opportunity to address any issues or concerns that they may currently be facing. It's also an opportunity for the Portfolio Holder(s) to flag up areas within their remit that may benefit from scrutiny in the future i.e. policy development |
| | Work Plan & Scrutiny Topics for 2015/2016 | To discuss the work plan and potential topics that Committee members would like to scrutinise over the forthcoming year |
| 7th March 2016 (Agenda dispatch 26th February 2016) | | |
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| | Annual Review of the Scrutiny Committee's Work | To evaluate and review the work undertaken during 2015/2016 |
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| Task and Finish Groups: | Kidsgrove Sports Centre |
| Future Task and Finish Groups: | |
| Suggestions for Potential Future Items: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Future Development of the Borough Museum & Art Gallery • Ryecroft • Sport and Active Lifestyles Strategy – keep on agenda and work with Health and Well Being Scrutiny when appropriate • Annual Review of the Scrutiny Committee’s Work |

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| DATES AND TIMES OF CABINET MEETINGS: | Wednesday 10 th June 2015, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1 |
| | Wednesday 22 nd July 2015, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1 |
| | Wednesday 16 th September 2015, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1 |
| | Wednesday 14 th October 2015, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1 |
| | Wednesday 11 th November 2015, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1 |
| | Wednesday 9 th December 2015, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1 |
| | Wednesday 20 th January 2016, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1 |
| | Wednesday 10 th February 2016, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1 |
| | Wednesday 23 rd March 2016, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1 |
| | Wednesday 8 th June 2016, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1 |

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