

ACTIVE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 5th October, 2015

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 at 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 be 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