

# **CULTURE & LEISURE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**17 June 2008**

## **WORK PROGRAMME 2008-09**

### **REPORT OF THE CITY SOLICITOR**

**Strategic Priority : Healthy City, Learning City, Attractive and Inclusive  
City of Sunderland Council  
Corporate Improvement Priorities : CIO1, C104**

#### **1. Why has this report come to the Committee?**

- 1.1 The report attaches, for Members' consideration, a draft work programme for the Committee's work during the 2008-09 Council year.
- 1.2 Members' views on the work programme will shape the work of the Committee for the year ahead.
- 1.3 The work of the Committee in delivering its work programme will support the Council in achieving its Strategic Priorities of a Healthy, Learning, Attractive and Inclusive City, support delivery of the related themes of the Local Area Agreement, and, through monitoring the performance of the Council's services, help the Council achieve its Corporate Improvement Objectives CIO1 (delivering customer focussed services) and C104 (improving partnership working to deliver 'One City').

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1 The work programme is a working document which Committee can develop throughout the year. As a living document the work programme allows Members and Officers to maintain an overview of work planned and undertaken during the Council year.

#### **3. Current position**

- 3.1 Information regarding MORI survey findings (Appendix A), previous work of this Committee (Appendix B) and relevant equalities issues in the City (Appendix C) are attached, and Members will wish to consider this in the round in agreeing the Committee's priorities for its programme of work for the year ahead.
- 3.2 The draft work programme includes work items requested by the Committee previously, and work carried over from 2007-08. The following additional pieces of work identified by Members have not yet

been scheduled within the draft work programme and Members will wish to consider how they would like to see these brought forward during the year:

- Visit to football changing facilities (agreed Jan 08 Committee)
- Update on fine art display (July 07 request for report back)
- Heritage update (Oct 07 request for report back)
- Sport and Physical Activity update (Dec 07 Committee agreed report back)
- Allotment Management (deferred most recently March & April 08)
- Arts Strategy (deferred April 08)
- Policy study – use of libraries – review of progress (last reported Feb 08)
- Play provision
- Access to Swimming – Government proposals

3.3 In planning the Committee's priorities for its work programme, Members will consider separately on this agenda which areas of activity they wish to prioritise for policy review.

3.4 At this point in the year, Members may also want to retain sufficient flexibility within the work programme to allow the Committee to respond to issues that emerge during the year, in addition to ensuring that the Committee investigates and monitors issues already identified as a Committee priority.

3.5 In particular, Members may wish to ensure that future agendas can accommodate early consultation on emerging proposals, to ensure that the Committee's work is able to contribute to the development of new proposals at an early stage when the Committee's views can add maximum value.

3.6 Members of Review Committees have also expressed a wish to explore new ways of working, such as increased use of task and finish groups.

#### **4. Conclusion**

4.1 The work programme developed from the meeting will form a flexible mechanism for managing the work of the Committee in 2008-09.

#### **5 Recommendation**

5.1 That Members consider and comment on proposals for the work of the Committee for the year ahead.

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