

COUNCIL

25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008

**CULTURE AND LEISURE REVIEW COMMITTEE – ANNUAL REPORT**

**Report of the City Solicitor**

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

- 1.1 To provide Council with a summary of the operation of the Culture and Leisure Review Committee in 2007/08.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 To aid transparency and business planning, Review Committees operate to an annual work programme agreed at the beginning of each year. Additional meetings/reports are added as necessary. In total 27 reports were presented in 2007/08, over 10 meetings, divided into the following 5 categories. All presentations have been listed under the relevant category:

**Category**

**Number of Items**

**Policy Review & Development**

**6**

1. Swimming in Sunderland Baseline Report
2. Visit to swimming facilities in Sunderland
3. Regional Picture from ASA
4. National Teaching Plan for Swimming
5. Head Swimming Coach Perspective
6. Policy Review Final Report

**Monitoring & Evaluation**

**17**

1. Cultural Programming and Activity
2. Cultural Programming and Activity
3. Heritage Development
4. Heritage Development
5. Resorts Service End of Season
6. Sport and Physical Activity Strategy
7. Performance Report
8. Playing Pitch Plan Update
9. Smartcard Leisure Card
10. Tourism
11. Play Urban Games Strategy
12. Study into Use of Libraries – Feedback Report
13. Feedback on Study - Roker/Seaburn Developments
14. Arts and Creative Development Activity
15. Annual Report to Cabinet
16. Review Committee Action Plan
17. Review Committee Action Plan

<b>Performance Review</b>	<b>1</b>
1. Performance Report	

<b>Information, Awareness Raising</b>	<b>2</b>
1. Feedback on PLA conference	
2. Festivals and Events	

<b>Policy Framework</b>	<b>1</b>
1. Licensing Act 2003 – Reference from Cabinet	

### **3. Highlights from 2007/08**

#### **Policy Review**

- 3.1 Members chose to examine swimming in the city for this year's policy review. Members heard numerous presentations from council staff and the ASA and took part in two visits; the first visit took Members to Washington Leisure Centre, the Sandhill Centre and the Raich Carter Sports Centre and the second visit took Members to the new Aquatic Centre. The review co-ordinator also conducted interviews with people involved in swimming in the city. A number of recommendations were made.
- 3.2 Feedback on the 2006/07 policy review into the use of libraries was presented to Members. Examples of a number of improvements to library facilities, training, marketing and information management systems were described.

#### **Sport and Physical Activity Strategy**

- 3.3 An update on progress against the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy was heard by Members. The strategy aims to increase participation, improve existing facilities and develop new facilities.

#### **Heritage Development**

- 3.4 Heritage is a key area within the region. The Committee heard updates on progress including the nomination for World Heritage Status for Monkwearmouth-Jarrow for 2010.

#### **Cultural Programming and Activity**

- 3.5 Members received updates on progress against the Cultural Strategy which was launched in August 2003. Actions in the strategy relate to issues such as creating new and enhancing existing cultural opportunities, enhancing Sunderland's reputation as an events destination, enhancing the image of the city and supporting economic and physical regeneration.

### **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 Council is asked to note the delivery of the work programme for 2007/08.

## **5. Background Papers**

- 5.1 2007/08 Agendas