

# **CULTURE & LEISURE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**17 June 2008**

## **PRIORITIES FOR POLICY REVIEW**

### **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 invites Members to identify priorities for the Committee's policy review work during the 2008-09 Council year.
- 1.3 The work of the Committee in delivering policy review 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, to help the Council achieve Corporate Improvement Objectives CIO1 (delivering customer focussed services) and C104 (improving partnership working to deliver 'One City').

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1 In addition to its scrutiny role, the Committee has an important role in reviewing and supporting development of policy with the ability to drive improvement of health, learning and accessibility outcomes in the City.

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

- 3.1 Information regarding MORI survey findings, previous work of this Committee, and relevant equalities issues in the City has been received by Members in connection with the Committee's work programme generally and, within this, Members will wish to consider this in agreeing the Committee's priorities for review.

Possible areas for Policy review include:

- Arts Development, including Music Development in the City. This is an emerging issue with no formal strategy in place. There are plans to develop a Music development strategy. Members' work could add value through assisting with development of the strategy, which could

include engaging with a range of community groups and other communities of interest.

- Cultural strategy/ Tourism Strategy. Members have expressed an interest in previous years in considering the broader role of culture and tourism in the City, and the contribution the Council and partners make to their development.
- Arts in Education. A strategy is in place and work proposed including the Forge, NGCA, gallery and outreach education. The work of the Committee could add value in reviewing progress and identifying and addressing any issues with delivery.

3.2 In planning its priorities for policy review, Members will want to consider what area or areas of policy review can add most value in driving improvement in the City.

3.3 The Committee's work programme has been designed to accommodate ongoing policy review work throughout the year. Members may wish to explore the Committee's policy review priorities through a variety of means, including consultation events, or the use of smaller working groups made up of Members with a particular interest in the area under review, able to gather information and make recommendations to bring back to the Committee.

#### **4. Conclusion**

4.1 The policy review priorities identified by Members will form the basis of a scoping report to be brought to the July meeting of this Committee.

#### **5 Recommendation**

5.1 That Members consider and agree proposals for the policy review work of the Committee for the year ahead.

#### **6. Background Papers**

6.1 briefing note for First Annual Scrutiny Workshop held 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008

6.2 MORI survey – note on health aspects

#### **7. Glossary**

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