

CULTURE AND LEISURE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Scope of the Committee

Libraries, Arts Development, Museums, Community Associations, Sports Development, Marketing and Tourism, Leisure, Recreation & Play, Registrars, Allotments, Licensing Policy Heritage.

Past Reviews (Full documents available on request)

Swimming in Sunderland 2007/08

Use of Public Libraries 2006/07

Partnership with the Voluntary Sector 2005/06

Coastline as a Cultural Resource 2004/05

Sport in Sunderland – Staying Ahead of the Game 2003/04

Planning for Play 2002/03

Highlights from 2007/08

The Committee chose to examine **Swimming in the City** for this year's policy review and heard numerous presentations from council staff and the Amateur Swimming Association as well as taking part in two visits; the first visit took Committee 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.

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.

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

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

The Committee 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.

