

WARDS: ALL

AGENDA ITEM NO.

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE CULTURE AND RECREATION - 4 DECEMBER 2003

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT

COUNCIL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a progress report on the Culture and Recreation projects contained within the Council Plan as at the end of the 2nd Quarter.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council Plan articulates the actions/projects that the Council wishes to see implemented in order to achieve a Brighter, Cleaner, Richer, Safer and Fairer Borough.
- 2.2 In the first Council Plan there was an absence of Culture and Recreation projects in the document but this has been corrected this year with a number of projects and initiatives for the Committee to monitor.
- 2.3 Specifically the following projects were identified and a range of actions/milestones established in order to measure their success:-

Council Plan Theme

Project

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| Cleaner Borough | - | Green Spaces, Better Places |
| Brighter Borough | - | @ Museums |
| Safer Borough | - | Positive Leisure |
| Fairer Borough | - | Inclusive Leisure |

- 2.4 Appendix 1 provides a detailed analysis of each project and progress made at the end of Quarter 2.
- 2.5 As Members will note, with the exception of the monitoring the membership of friends groups and the number of community events (Green Spaces project) which is undertaken at year end, all projects are on target with considerable progress made in a number of areas.

2.6 Of particular note is the progress made with the Positive Activities for Young People project. As detailed this project seeks to offer children and young people at risk of offending with positive diversionary activities and there have been examples of offending behaviour being significantly reduced following involvement in this programme. It is suggested that the Select Committee receive a presentation on this project at a future meeting.

2.7 Members will also be aware of the approval of the Skate/Wheeled Sports Strategy, as reported separately on the agenda, and the need to turn this aspiration into reality. As stated previously the problem that Working Groups have faced has primarily been one of location and the mere existence of a Strategy will not itself negate this problem.

3.0 PROPOSAL

3.1 That the committee considers the Council Plan progress report and comments accordingly.

4.0 FINANCE

4.1 This report contains proposals which accord with the equal opportunities policy of the Council.

5.0 LAW

5.1 Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 empowers the Council to provide recreational facilities in its area.

5.2 Section 111 of the Local government Act, 1972 enables the council to do anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its functions under the 1976 Act.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

6.1 This report contains proposals which accord with the equal opportunities policy of the Council.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION

7.1 That the proposal at 3.1 above be approved.

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Documents used in the compilation of this report
Council Plan