

Select Committee on Regeneration Culture and Adult Education – 7th June 2006

Report of the Lead Officer

Work Programme for 2006/07

Purpose of Report

1. To confirm the Work Programme of the Committee for the 2006/07 Municipal Year.

Background

- 2. The Terms of Reference of the Committee provide for the Committee to fulfil all of the overview and scrutiny functions as they relate to:-
 - the regeneration of communities in the area
 - the physical regeneration of the area, including economic development;
 - assisting in the development of the Council's planning policies (including the Development Plan and other plans for the use and development of land);
 - the functions of the Council in relation to leisure, arts, sport and recreational activities to enhance the quality of life for local people;
 - the provision and management of museums, art galleries, theatres, local history service, libraries, leisure centres, swimming pools, parks and open spaces, cemeteries and crematoria, allotments and other like facilities;
 - the functions of the Council relating to adult education and training and community learning;
 - corporate issues relating to equality and diversity.
- 3. The Work Programme that had been decided for 2006/07 for the former Select Committee on Economic Regeneration and the former Select Committee on Culture and Recreation include the following items:-
 - Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise Centre
 - Disability Access Strategy
 - Section 106 Agreements
 - Visitor Economy in Dudley and the Council's Role
 - ICT Strategy
 - Economic Strategy
 - Employment Opportunities for Vulnerable Groups
 - Leisure Centre Performance (including the impact of ring fencing income to implement the Leisure Centre Strategy eg: is it the best service we can provide with the resources we have got)?
 - Review Implementation of the Cultural Strategy
 - Evaluation of impact of Liveability Grant and Consequences of the

- Funding Finishing
- Review of Impact of the "Physical Activity Task Group" Partnership Network
- Children's Play Provision/A Play Strategy (Policy Development)
- "Towards an Excellent Service" A National Self Assessment Tool for Sports and Recreation
- Proposals for Publicising Smart Cards
- Insurance Arrangements for Community Groups using Council owned Facilities
- 4. It has also been suggested that consideration be given to the Three Year Best Value Survey and IPAQ (International Physical Activity Questionnaire) Survey being included in the Committee's Work Programme for 2006/07.
- 5. During the course of 2006/07 the Committee will also be invited to consider:-
 - Update of the Council's Capital Strategy
 - Equality and Diversity Reports for the Directorates of the Urban Environment, Chief Executive's and Finance ICT and Procurement
 - Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Reports
 - Annual Review of Equality and Diversity 2006
- 6. The Committee is now requested to consider its Work Programme for the 2006/07 Municipal Year.

Finance

7. There are no direct financial consequences arising from this report.

Law

8. 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.

Equality Impact

- 9. This report complies fully with the Council's policies on equal opportunities and diversity.
- 10. This report will have no specific effect on children and young people. There is no requirement for consultation with children and young people or the involvement of children and young people in noting the report.

Recommendation

11. That the Committee considers its Work Programme for 2006/07 and that the Lead Officer to the Committee, in consultation with the Chairman and appropriate officers, develop a timetable for the Work Programme.



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List of Background Papers

• The Council's Constitution

• Annual Report of the Select Committee on Culture and Recreation

 Minutes of the meeting of the Select Committee on Economic Regeneration -15th February 2006