

PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9 April 2015

PRESENT – Councillor Long (in the Chair); Councillors Baldwin, Carson, Cossins, Culley, Donohue, Harman, L Hughes, Lawton, EA Richmond and Wright. (11)

APOLOGIES – Councillor. (0)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – ()

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – Ian Thompson, Assistant Director, Community Services, Steve Petch, Place Strategy Manager and Karen Graves, Democratic Officer.

P52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

P53. MINUTES – Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meetings of this Scrutiny Committee held on 5 and 12 February and 20 March 2015.

RESOLVED – *That the Minutes be approved as correct records.*

P54. MATTERS ARISING – *There were no matters arising.*

P55. WORK PROGRAMME 2014/15 – The Assistant Chief Executive submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to the work programme items scheduled to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee during the current Municipal Year.

It was also emphasised that the work programme was a rolling programme and any Member of this Scrutiny could request an item to be included provided that a Quad of Aims had been submitted to the Scrutiny Committee prior to ensure that it contributed to the strategic aims of the Council.

The submitted report outlined the original Work Programme and requested Members to reconsider the Work Programme to accommodate further issues that needed to be included.

Discussion ensued on

RESOLVED – (a) That the current status of the Work Programme be noted.

(b) That the Work Programme be updated to reflect the decisions of this Scrutiny Committee.

P56. THEATRE HULLABALOO AND CIVIC THEATRE – The Assistant Director, Community Services provided Members with an overview of the current situation in relation to

Discussion ensued on

RESOLVED – That the current situation be noted.

P57. PUBLIC EVENTS SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP (PESAG) – The Assistant Chief Executive submitted a report (previously circulated) presenting the findings and recommendations of the Public Events Safety Advisory Group (PESAG) established by Place Scrutiny Committee to contribute to both the promotion and protocol for the Darlington Public Events Safety Advisory Group.

It was stated that the Group had met on four occasions and a wide number of issues had been discussed and considered at those meetings. Contributions had also been received from Durham Police, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, Sadberge Festival Organisers, Friends of North Lodge Park, Darlington Community Carnival, Principal Licensing Officer, Regulatory Services, Traffic Manager, Highways, Events and Programming Manager and Environmental Health Officer, Regulatory Services of the Council.

Discussion ensued on

RESOLVED – That this Scrutiny Committee approves the following recommendations of the Review Group for consideration by Cabinet:-

- (a) That, as PESAG was helpful to the Police, a case should be made to encourage Police funding;
 - (b) That PESAG be more widely promoted and publicised by various means including DBC, Police, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Services websites, social media and Darlington Together magazine;
 - (c) That a community organisation be encouraged to train community volunteers to manage road closures;
 - (d) That the benefits of PESAG be highlighted to all events organisers;
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- (e) That a single application for multiple events at one location be submitted with a schedule of events incorporated;
 - (f) That a more customer-friendly website be implemented;
 - (g) That the Events Manager role be more clearly defined as a facilitator and not to undertake the responsibilities of the Event's Organisers; and
 - (h) That provision of an online feedback form be investigated
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