

Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on 7 October 2011

Electoral Division affected: None

Cultural Services Progress Report

(Appendices 'A', 'B' and 'C' refer)

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Executive Summary

An update report on progress with implementing the Culture and Sport Strategy 2010-14.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note the report and consider how it wishes to monitor future progress.

Background and Advice

In April 2011, the Scrutiny Committee considered how it wished to monitor implementation of the Culture and Sport Strategy 2010-14 and requested an update report to be presented to the October meeting.

In the Committee's workplan, it identifies the following areas of particular interest:

- Analysis of Directorate Outputs including the Culture and Sport Strategy
- Corporate Action Planning
- Developments including Lancaster Castle
- Progress on delivery of Records Office action plan

Cultural Services has benefitted from the examination of its component services by the Committee in recent years including member task groups on libraries and museums as well as the new group to look at the issue of arts funding across Lancashire.

This report consolidates those individual strands of work into a complete overview of all activities currently being undertaken by Cultural Services in line with the Culture and Sport Strategy.

Cultural Services Business Plan 2011-12

The Cultural Services Business Plan 2011-12 (Appendix 'A') identifies the key areas of activity for Cultural Services. This is supported by individual team plans for Libraries; Heritage; Development and Support, which in turn are supported by individual site plans for each museum, library and each specialist team within Cultural Services.

The Plan will be revised and up-dated during October at the half-year stage but demonstrates how Cultural Services is responding to the Culture and Sport Strategy and is working within the corporate action planning process.

A presentation will be made to the Committee highlighting recent developments but the results of the Living in Lancashire survey (Appendix 'B'), which was commissioned to focus on "Leisure & Culture", will inform the development of the Business Plan starting with a pilot marketing campaign in West Lancashire.

Progress on delivery of Records Office Action Plan

Work has continued on implementing the Action Plan and it has been up-dated to reflect the position as of September 2011 (Appendix 'C').

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no risks identified at this stage.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
Culture and Sport Strategy for Lancashire County Council 2010 - 2014		Ian Watson, Adult and Community Services Directorate, 01772 534 009

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A