

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT (1 JULY TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2016)

Purpose of the Report

1. This report updates Culture Committee on performance progress made during the second quarter of the 2016/17 financial year, covering activities from 1st July to 30th September 2016.

Information and Advice

2. The performance data for the period 1st July 2016 to 30th September 2016 is set out in the dashboard at **Appendix A**. This provides a summary across all cultural service activities for the first quarter of this financial year.
3. The activities, key performance indicators and service level indicators which are reported in the dashboard have been identified by cultural services managers to provide information on key cultural service activities planned for 2016/17.
4. The performance dashboard includes a number of indicators which are included in the Council's Strategic Plan 2014 – 2018. These will also be reported to Policy Committee.

Report on Progress

5. The following activities are proceeding on schedule:

Sherwood Forest Country Park

- a. Culture Committee approved in July 2015 an agreement for the Council to partner with the RSPB to design, build and operate a new visitor centre at Sherwood Forest Country Park and to decommission the existing facilities. Nottinghamshire County Council submitted a planning application to Newark & Sherwood District Council during October 2016. It is anticipated that a decision will be made during January 2017. The RSPB is, subject to the granting of planning permission, planning to commence preparatory works early in 2017.

Rufford Abbey Country Park

- b. As agreed by Culture Committee on 1 November 2016, the County Council has appointed a preferred partner, Parkwood Leisure, to operate and manage the commercial operations and visitor offer at Rufford Abbey Country Park. The Council will continue to be responsible for maintaining the park. The project outcome is to achieve a long-term, sustainable future for Rufford Abbey Country Park, to conserve

(protect and enhance) the heritage of the historic abbey buildings and the surrounding parkland and to develop a modern and attractive visitor offer.

Bestwood Country Park

- c. At Bestwood, negotiations have been undertaken with Gedling Borough Council with a view to the grounds maintenance and on site management of Bestwood Country Park being provided by them. It is proposed to present a report regarding future maintenance arrangements to Culture Committee on 7 March 2017.

Cultural Strategy

- d. As reported to Culture Committee on 6 September 2016, it is proposed to revise the County Council's Cultural Strategy 2011 – 2021 and a report for consideration is on the agenda of this Committee meeting.

Community Partnership Libraries

- e. A detailed report was presented to Culture Committee on 6 September 2016. Further progress in developing the Community Partnership Libraries at Lowdham, Gotham and Selston continues to be made.

Modernise public libraries

- f. The programme of investment to modernise public libraries, which is being undertaken by Inspire who manage, on the Council's behalf, a range of cultural and learning services, and the Council, continues with work which commenced in October 2016 on the £1million transformation of Beeston library. Planning for the refurbishment of Keyworth and Mansfield Woodhouse libraries is scheduled for during 2017.

Modernise virtual offer for cultural and learning services

- g. Inspire is developing a virtual offer providing increased access to cultural and learning services. An Inspire website went live in November 2016 and the project is due for completion by March 2017.

Other Options Considered

- 6. The process for presenting performance information set out in this report is in line with corporate guidance, which has itself been established following an appropriate analysis of alternative options.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

- 7. To ensure opportunities for effective and proportionate performance management are provided to Culture Committee on a quarterly basis as requested by Members and as set out in the constitution.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the update on performance progress made during the second quarter of the 2016/17 financial year, covering activities from 1st July to 30th September 2016, is noted.

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Constitutional Comments

9. As this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments (CDS 23/11/16)

10. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

A Cultural Strategy for Nottinghamshire County Council 2011 - 2021.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected:

All.

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