

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE AND SPORT**

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport, Councillor Linda Symes, at his meeting held on Friday, 9 October 2015 at 9.00 am at The Executive Meeting Room - Third Floor, The Guildhall

### **Also Present**

Councillor Lee Hunt  
Councillor Julie Swan  
Councillor Yahiya Chowdhury

Councillor Hastings (observing from the gallery)

#### **19. Apologies for absence (AI 1)**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **20. Declarations of interest (AI 2)**

Councillor Swan declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of agenda item 3, Culture and City Development Business Plan 2015 to 2018, as she is the Chair of the Licensing Committee and the licensing service is referenced in the business plan.

#### **21. Culture and City Development Business Plan (AI 3)**

(TAKE IN REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF CULTURE AND CITY DEVELOPMENT)

The report was introduced by Josie Dalling, Business Development Manager.

The Cabinet Member said this was a wonderful report. Councillor Hunt raised concerns with objective 6 in particular the redesign of the tourism/seafront into a regeneration group.

#### **DECISION**

**The key priorities and targets set out in the business plan were approved.**

#### **22. Record Breakers: The Summer Reading Challenge 2015 (AI 4)**

(TAKE IN REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF CULTURE AND CITY DEVELOPMENT)

The report was introduced by Lindy Elliott, Library and Archive Services Manager.

Members expressed their thanks to the volunteers helped with the reading challenge.

## **DECISION**

- (1) That in order to increase the numbers of children completing the Summer Reading Challenge next year and in subsequent years, the Library and Archive Service consults with primary head teachers on delivery additional activity as a traded services in targeted schools, in the summer term.**
- (2) That the Library and Archive Service engage with colleagues from Portsmouth Children and Families Social Care, to promote participation in the Summer Reading Challenge as a positive activity for young people.**

### **23. Sale of rare and antiquarian library books not relevant to Portsmouth collections (AI 5)**

Lindy Elliott, Library and Archive Services Manager, introduced the report.

Councillor Symes noted the report.

### **24. The ARTches Project - Progress Update (AI 6)**

Councillor Symes introduced the report.

Members congratulated officers on their commitment to making this project a success.

The Cabinet Member noted the report.

### **25. Community Centres Update (AI 7)**

Councillor Swan advised she had attended the AGM at the Fratton Community Centre recently and said that the Fratton trustees do a wonderful job. At this meeting it had been agreed that it was important to get younger people to become trustees. Members felt this was very important and asked Chris Richards if she could look into this and whether it was possible to link this with the young ambassador programme.

Members thanked Chris Richards and the associations for their hard work to ensure that community centres continue to thrive.

The Cabinet Member noted the report.

The meeting concluded at 9.25 am.

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Councillor Linda Symes  
Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport