

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

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport, Councillor Linda Symes, at the meeting held on Friday, 27 January 2017 at 9.00 am at The Executive Meeting Room - Third Floor, The Guildhall

### **Present**

Councillor Linda Symes (in the chair)

Councillor Lee Hunt  
Councillor Stephen Morgan

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Julie Bird.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **3. Parks and Seafront Fees and Charges (AI 3)**

(TAKE IN REPORT)

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

The Cabinet Member said she was happy with the report. Councillor Hunt said that he felt a 1.2% increase on the site fees was quite reasonable and would encourage small and medium events in the city.

#### **DECISION: The Cabinet Member**

- (1) Approved the fees and charges in accordance with the attached schedules (Appendix 1- Schedule A)**
- (2) Agreed that the Performing Right Society Charges be passed onto Commercial Events for them to meet their costs directly for events and activities taking place on PCC land.**

#### **4. The Arthur Conan Doyle Collection (AI 4)**

(TAKE IN REPORT)

The report was introduced by Claire Looney, Partnership and Commissioning Manager. Laura Weston, Learning and Education Officer was then invited to give a brief overview of the work she is involved with on this project. Laura advised that there are events planned up until April so far. These included Bookfest and the Lost Hour event. She had also been approached by a

colleague in Adult Social Care to provide a talk to groups at risk of isolation. All this work is supported by volunteers and she had recently started working with volunteers with learning disabilities.

Councillor Morgan wished to commend officers on the report and said that the contribution of the volunteers was admirable. In response to a question regarding the management of the learning disability volunteer programme, Laura explained that they are supported by herself and other staff. One of the learning disability volunteers had been assisting for the past five weeks on cataloguing magazines and had taken to the role brilliantly. The South Downs College support unit would also provide some support one of the other learning disability volunteers.

Councillor Hunt endorsed the comments previously made and said that volunteers are hugely important. He said he looked forward to seeing progress with the project and thanked officers for their hard work.

Councillor Symes said that the Conan Doyle collection is impressive and it is very important that this goes forward. She thanked all staff involved for their hard work on this project.

**DECISION: The Cabinet Member**

- (1) Acknowledged the work of the HLF funded project in partnership with the RNIB and especially the ability of the project to be developing such innovative work.**
- (2) Agreed to deliver the detailed Education and Outreach programme as detailed in Appendix A and to continue this work into 2017/18.**
- (3) Agreed to continue to work with Tim Rusby of the Visitor Attraction Company to develop feasibility options for the delivery of a Portsmouth based Sherlock Holmes Experience and the need for the development of external funding bids.**

**5. Revenue Grants 2017/18 (AI 5)**

(TAKE IN REPORT)

The report was introduced by Claire Looney, Partnership and Commissioning Manager.

Councillor Symes said that she was delighted that the grants have been able to be maintained at the same level as the previous year.

Councillor Morgan said that the grants were important as they allow the organisations to seek funding from other sources. In response to a question from Councillor Morgan, Claire advised that all the SLA's are tailored to the organisations. With regard to monitoring The Council expects them to have a whole range of policies to operate under for example health and safety and employment. Grant funding is provided in two sections and is not an automatic payment. Officers also try to attend board meetings of each of the organisations annually.

**DECISION: The Cabinet Member noted the details of the funding levels which have previously been agreed by members at Full Council for cultural organisations for the financial year 2017-18.**

The meeting concluded at 9.15 am.

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Councillor Linda Symes  
Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport