

Culture, Tourism & Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda Item 46

Subject:	Work Programme		
Date of Meeting:	1st March 2012		
Report of:	Strategic Director: Resources		
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Key Decision	No		
Wards Affected:	All	All	

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 Council has agreed in principle to return to a committee system. This report sets out some of the areas that CTEOSC has looked at since May 2011, and highlights those work-streams that Members may wish to see continued through any future governance changes.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the current Scrutiny Panel looking at the Retail Sector reports to the appropriate scrutiny committee and is monitored by that committee.
- 2.2 That the Scrutiny Panel that CTEOSC agreed should be set up looking at access to cultural services for older people, is put forward to any new scrutiny committee as a future Panel.
- 2.3 That CTEOSC suggest key areas and issues for any future culture committee to examine, based on its experience.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Localism Act (the Act) received Royal Assent on 15 November 2011. The Act allowed councils to choose which governance arrangements they wish to operate. On 15 December 2011, Full Council agreed in principle to change its governance arrangements to a committee system with effect from Annual Council in May 2012.

- 3.2 Since May 2011 CTEOSC has met on 3 occasions: 30 June 2011; 29 September 2011; and 24 November 2011.
- 3.3 On 30 June 2011, the Committee received reports aimed at introducing new Members to scrutiny and to the areas the Committee covers. There was also a report on a proposal for a Residents' Card where Members were asked for their views on whether there should be a Residents' Card, what it should cover, and any ideas for the future direction of this work. There was a report on Brighton & Hove's programme for 2012, an item that the Committee has continued to monitor up until this meeting in March 2012.
- 3.4 On 29 September 2011, Andrew Comben gave a presentation on the Brighton Dome and Festival, and the Cabinet Members gave an overview of their portfolios. The Committee agreed to carry out two Scrutiny Panels. The first, looking at the Retail Sector is underway and will report to the appropriate scrutiny committee under the committee system. The second was agreed on access to cultural services for older people but, due to resourcing constraints, it was agreed that this Panel would commence after the Retail Sector had completed. It is suggested that this Panel is carried forward through the council's future governance arrangements. There was a further report on 2012, and one on the Withdean Sports Complex Masterplan which sought Members' views on a review of future sports provision in the city. There was also a final report back on a previous Scrutiny Panel looking at Environmental Industries. The report had been fully agreed by the Executive and this was a final report back on action that had taken place.
- 3.5 On 24 November 2011, CTEOSC had a presentation from Stephanie Fuller of the Arts Council. There was a report on Commissioning Culture for Diverse Agendas, and a report on the Systems Thinking approach to libraries. A report on the Outdoor Events Policy asked for Members' views on the scope of the review of the outdoor events policy.
- 3.6 There were two Scrutiny Workshops to gain Member input into policy development at an early stage. On 12 December 2011 there was a Scrutiny Workshop on the Seafront Strategy and on 5 January 2012 there was a Scrutiny Workshop on the draft Annual Libraries Plan. The input from these workshops will be reported back to this meeting of CTEOSC in other reports.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 No consultation was required for this report.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 This is an information report so there are no direct financial implications. Any future panels will be resourced within the Scrutiny Team

Legal Implications:

5.2 This is an information report so there are no direct financial implications.

Equalities Implications:

5.3 This is an information report so there are no direct implications.

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 This is an information report so there are no direct implications.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 This is an information report so there are no direct implications.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 This is an information report so there are no direct implications.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 This is an information report so there are no direct implications.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. None

Documents in Members' Rooms:

1. None

Background Documents:

1. None

