

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

THE COMMUNITY SCRUTINY – 7 APRIL 2009

DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMER AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

9. PROGRESS AGAINST EAST HERTS COUNCIL'S CULTURAL STRATEGY AND WORK PLAN 2008/9

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

'D' RECOMMENDATION – that Members receive the attached Work Plan for 2008/09 and comment on the progress so far.

1.0 Purpose/Summary of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members on the progress made so far on the Cultural Strategy and the action plan.

2.0 Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/Objectives

2.1 **Promoting prosperity and well-being; providing access and opportunities**

Enhance the quality of life, health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, particularly those who are vulnerable.

Fit for purpose, services fit for you

Deliver customer focused services by maintaining and developing a well managed and publicly accountable organisation.

Leading the way, working together

Deliver responsible community leadership that engages with our partners and the public.

3.0 Background

The Cultural Strategy 2007-11 was produced after long and thorough consultation and was presented to the Members of the scrutiny in August 2007 for endorsement. Following the meeting, the work plan was produced outlining activities which the Council commissioned and supports. It also highlights some of what the Council is doing, delivering and supporting to reach out to all our

communities in delivering real outcomes.

4.0 Report

The attached Work Plan Appendix A (pages 9.4 – 9.12) gives an update on the activities the Council has identified for delivery. There is still a lot more that the Council could do. Officers are in the process of producing the 2nd work plan which will build on the achievements so far and will be reported to Community Scrutiny in July for adoption.

- 4.1 Members are invited to note the actions relating to the development of Castle hall and Hartham leisure facilities which are the subject of separate reports elsewhere on this agenda.

5.0 Consultation

- 5.1 This has been addressed in the last report. Consultation is ongoing to implement and monitor the work plan.

6.0 Legal Implications

- 6.1 None having said that, East Herts Council is fully committed to promoting the diversity of choice for arts, heritage, play, informal recreation and sport using the five outcomes of Every Child Matters as the guiding principles.

7.0 Financial Implications

- 7.1 None specific

8.0 Human Resource Implications

- 8.1 There are no Human resource implications arising from this report.

9.0 Risk Management Implications

This has been addressed in the last report and there are no Risk Management implications arising from this report.

Background Papers:

Appendix A Cultural Strategy Work Plan 2008/9 (pages 9.4 – 9.12)

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