

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TOURISM PORTFOLIO

DECISION RECORD

16th October 2007

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. at the Avondale Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor Victor Tumilty (Culture, Leisure and Tourism Portfolio Holder)

Officers: John Mennear, Assistant Director (Community Services)
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

13. Workforce Training and Development Plan 2007-2008 *(Director of Adult and Community Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To present the Adult and Community Services Workforce Training and Development Plan 2007-8

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report outlined the Adult and Community Services Workforce Training and Development needs for 2007-8. The plan provides a framework for achieving training and development targets and is a key action within the Adult and Community Services Departmental Plan. The Plan was attached for the Portfolio Holder's attention

Decision

That the report be noted and the Workforce Training and Development plan be endorsed.

14. Community Sports Coach Scheme – Drugs Intervention Programme *(Director of Adult and Community Services)*

Type of decision

Non-Key

Purpose of report

To inform the Portfolio Holder regarding the development of the Community Sports Coach Drugs Intervention Physical Activity Programme and progress made to date.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The Community Investment Fund via the Tees Valley County Sports Partnership and the Drugs Intervention Service currently funds the Drugs Intervention Programme (DIP) Community Sport Coach (CSC) post and development programme. The current postholder came into post in November 2006 and since this time significant progress had been made. The main Drugs Intervention Service has over 50 referred and registered individuals, 25 of whom are registered with the physical activity programme. With the financial support given from the DIP partnership and via the CSC route the officer concerned had been able to expand the programme to include a wide range of activities as follows:

- Six-week gym programme
- Golf
- Eleven-a-Side Football
- 5-a-Side Football

Detailed information on these activities was given within the report. Funding for the CSC post and programme is available to October 2009 from the Community Investment Fund via the Tees Valley County Sport Partnership. This provides 50% towards project revenue costs with match funding provided directly from the Drugs Intervention Programme service. Additional resources would have to be found to enable the programme to continue beyond October 2009.

Decision

That the development of the Community Sports Coach Drugs Intervention Physical Activity Programme and progress made to date be noted.

15. Beach Lifeguard Season 2007 *(Director of Adult and Community Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To update the Portfolio Holder on the Beach Lifeguard season for 2007.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report advised that lifeguards for the 2007 season were recruited using a range of advertising with all posts filled. A full list of incident

statistics for Seaton Carew and Headland beaches was included in the report. There were 5 reported aquatic incidents and 634 reported other incidents varying from minor first aid to giving general safety advice.

For the third consecutive year safety cover was provided for the Hartlepool triathlon's swim event at the Marina. In addition Hartlepool also hosted the North Beach Lifeguard Competition at Seaton Carew on July 18th. Details were also given of planned future developments including rookie lifeguard training for schoolchildren in summer 2008.

The Portfolio Holder was pleased to note that the number of recorded incidents on Seaton Carew and the Headland had shown a decrease from the previous year, with the exception of dog owners walking their dogs in banned areas which had remained the same. The Portfolio Holder felt that these transgressions were more accidental than deliberate and requested that the temporary signage advising of the ban on dogs being walked on the beach be more prominent. The Assistant Director (Community Services) indicated that consideration was being given to making this a year-round ban. However the Portfolio Holder felt this would be seen as victimising dog owners if other bans were only enforced during the summer months.

Decision

That the report on the Lifeguard season 2007 be noted.

J A BROWN

CHIEF SOLICITOR

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