

# **CULTURE, LEISURE AND TOURISM PORTFOLIO**

## **DECISION RECORD**

22 April 2008

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. in the Avondale Centre, Dyke House  
School, Hartlepool

### **Present:**

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

Officers: John Mennear, Assistant Director, Adult and Community Services  
Angela Hunter, Principal Democratic Services Officer

### **23. Proposed Lighting and CCTV Scheme at Ward Jackson Park** *(Director of Adult and Community Services)*

#### **Type of decision**

Non key.

#### **Purpose of report**

To seek approval for the pursuance of grant funding towards a proposed lighting and CCTV scheme at Ward Jackson Park.

#### **Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The background to the proposals were provided within the report and it was highlighted that the proposed lighting scheme would provide occasional lighting for events as well as permanent dusk to dawn lighting around the Place in the Park. The exact locations of the lighting were identified within Appendix 1 and it was noted that the specific style of lighting would be in keeping with the style of the Park. The Assistant Director indicated that the total cost for the proposal was around £20,000 with funding being sought to minimise the use of revenue budgets, although a contribution of £3,000 was made available from the Parks and Countryside revenue budgets.

The Portfolio Holder sought clarification on the positioning of the lights and whether there were any proposals to extend the scheme to other areas of

the Park. The Assistant Director indicated that the current proposals included the entrance area and pathways around the café, it was felt that to extend this further would encourage the use of the more remote areas of the park and increase anti-social behaviour.

#### **Decision**

The proposed lighting and CCTV scheme and the pursuance of grant funding towards the scheme was approved.

### **24. Use of Ward Jackson Park for Theatrical Performance** *(Director of Adult and Community Services)*

#### **Type of decision**

Non key.

#### **Purpose of report**

To inform the Portfolio Holder of a series of theatrical performances in Ward Jackson Park as part of the National "Love Parks Week".

#### **Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

Love Parks Week 2008 takes place during 14-22 June and was a celebration of parks around the country and presents an opportunity to showcase Hartlepool's parks. It was proposed that four performances would be staged and details of these performances were included within the report. Support for the event would be provided by the Friends of Ward Jackson Park who have a range of experience of hosting events in the Park and the event would be managed by the Strategic Arts Manager and Strategic Arts and Events Team.

The Portfolio Holder commented that this was an excellent idea and wished to express his gratitude to the Friends of West Park and officers involved for helping stage these performances.

#### **Decision**

The report was noted.

**25. Award of the Matrix Standard for Information, Advice and Guidance to the Library Reference and Information Service** *(Director of Adult and Community Services)*

**Type of decision**

Non key.

**Purpose of report**

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the recent success of the Library Reference and Information Service in being awarded the prestigious Matrix Standard for provision of Information, Advice and Guidance.

**Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

A summary of the standards of service required to achieve the Matrix Standard was included within Appendix 1. It was noted that 1,869 organisations were accredited nationally, although Hartlepool was the only library service in the North East region to have achieved this accreditation. This success has been excellent for staff morale who were justly proud that the quality of their work had received official recognition. Details of how the assessment were undertaken were included within the report, and it was noted that this had been a very useful exercise in examining the service and how it could be improved.

The Portfolio Holder commented that this was an outstanding achievement for everyone involved and suggested that the staff involved be awarded for their dedication and hard work in obtaining this award. The Assistant Director indicated that a submission had been made to the Council's Annual Celebrating Success Event for all the staff involved.

**Decision**

- (i) The achievement of the Matrix Standard by the Library Reference and Information Service and the work and commitment of staff involved was noted.
- (ii) It was agreed that achieving the Matrix Standard would form part of the ongoing programme of continuous improvement of library services to meet the changing and developing information needs of the public of Hartlepool.

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