

# **CULTURE, LEISURE AND TOURISM PORTFOLIO**

## **DECISION RECORD**

27<sup>th</sup> October 2009

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

### **Present:**

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

Officers: Stephen Cashman, Strategic Arts Manager  
Graham Jarritt, Borough Librarian  
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

### **10. Donation / Relocation of Town Hall Theatre Cinema Projector** *(Director of Child and Adult Services)*

#### **Type of Decision**

Non-key

#### **Purpose of Report**

To seek the Portfolio Holder's approval for the donation/relocation of the Town Hall Theatre's 35mm cinema projector

#### **Issues for Consideration by Portfolio Holder**

Since the mid 1990s there had been a full size professional 35mm projector located in the Town Hall Theatre balcony. However this equipment had not been used since 2001 and the opening of the Vue Cinema on the Marina. Darlington Arts Centre still run cinema programmes using 35mm and their Arts Manager had expressed a willingness to provide a new home for the projector. This would release space at the Town Hall Theatre for storage of technical equipment and as a technician's workshop. There were no cost implications as Darlington Borough Council would pay for removal and transportation costs. The projector's only monetary value was as scrap.

The Portfolio Holder queried why Darlington were still able to use their projector when Hartlepool were not. The Strategic Arts Manager advised that they had a qualified local projectionist. They had been approached but were not interested in projecting films in Hartlepool. The Portfolio Holder was happy to approve the recommendation on the proviso that this was an adoption process only and could be recalled in the future. The

Strategic Arts Manager would ensure there was a written understanding that this was the case.

**Decision**

That the proposal be approved.

**11. Library Annual Staff Training Day** (*Director of Child and Adult Services*)

**Type of Decision**

Non-key

**Purpose of report**

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the proposed staff training day for library staff and to seek his approval for this to take place.

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

The Portfolio Holder was advised that a staff training day was proposed for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November. As part of the Library Transformational Plan, approved by Cabinet in June 2008, a staff training day for all library staff must be held annually throughout a five year period. Thursday was chosen as a number of branches already close for half a day and therefore disruption would be minimised. Appropriate advance publicity would be provided.

The Portfolio Holder praised improvements in the town's libraries particularly the children's area of the Central Library. He asked that his thanks be passed on to staff for all their hard work.

**Decision**

That the staff training day be approved.

The meeting concluded at 10.20am.

**P J DEVLIN**

**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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