



Culture and Leisure Sub Committee

North Tyneside Council

Monday, 22 July 2019

Tuesday, 30 July 2019 0.01 Chamber - Quadrant, The Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY **commencing at 6.00 pm.**

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1.	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence from the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>Substitute Members</p> <p>To be notified of the appointment of any Substitute Members</p>	
3.	<p>Declarations of Interest and Notification of any Dispensations Granted</p> <p>You are invited to declare any registerable and/or non-registerable interests in matters appearing on the agenda, and the nature of that interest.</p> <p>You are also invited to disclose any dispensation in relation to any registerable and/or non-registerable interests that have been granted to you in respect of any matters appearing on the agenda.'</p> <p>Please complete the Declarations of Interests card available at the meeting and return it to the Democratic Services Officer before leaving the meeting.</p>	
4.	<p>Minutes</p> <p>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2019.</p>	1 - 4
5.	<p>Culture and Leisure Overview</p> <p>To receive an overview of the Authority's Culture and Leisure provision.</p>	5 - 6
6.	<p>Tour of Britain 2019</p>	7 - 8

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	To receive an update on the Tour of Britain 2019 cycle event and preparations for activities in North Tyneside.	
7.	<p>Work Programme 2019/20</p> <p>To invite the Sub-committee to determine its work programme for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.</p>	9 - 12

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Members of the Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee

Councillor Jim Allan
Councillor Karen Clark
Councillor Cath Davis
Councillor Karen Lee
Councillor Pam McIntyre
Councillor Pat Oliver

Councillor Linda Bell
Councillor Julie Cruddas
Councillor Joe Kirwin
Councillor Maureen Madden
Councillor Andy Newman
Councillor Steven Phillips

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Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee

26 March 2019

Present: Councillor D Drummond (Chair)
Councillors L Darke, J Cassidy, C Davis, A Newman,
S Phillips, W Samuel and A Waggott-Fairley

CL29/03/19 Apologies

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors E Hodson and K Osborne.

CL30/03/19 Substitute Members

There were no declarations of interest reported.

CL31/03/19 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.

CL32/03/19 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 January 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

CL33/03/19 North Tyneside Cycling Strategy

A report was received which set out the context for a presentation on progress of the North Tyneside Council Cycling Strategy.

Paul Youlden, the Council's Senior Manager Sport and Leisure, and John Cram, the Council's Integrated Transport Officer, attended the meeting to present the progress during the first year of introduction of the North Tyneside Cycling Strategy.

The vision for North Tyneside Transport Strategy was that the Borough would have a safe, easy to use, healthy, affordable, accessible and integrated travel and transport infrastructure that worked for residents, business and visitors effectively and efficiently. The strategy encouraged environmental sustainability, improved connectivity and managing transport demand, which linked to the Network Management Plan and Travel Strategy.

North Tyneside adopted its first Cycling Design Guide in March 2018 which sets out minimum requirements for delivering safe, well designed cycling infrastructure that supports the Authority's aspirations for growth in cycling journeys. A major scheme in the Authority's investment programme was set to deliver a 2.5km high standard segregated cycle route along the A189 corridor between the Haddricks Mill junction in Newcastle and A188-A189 West Moor roundabout in North Tyneside. This would be the first major investment that applied the recently adopted design principles in the Cycle Design Guide.

Through the highway investment programme the Authority had delivered approximately £5 million of cycling infrastructure to support growth in cycling. Across the major schemes in 2018/19, approximately 3.6km of new/upgraded/refreshed cycle path infrastructure had been delivered. As part of the North Tyneside Cycling Strategy, a Strategic Cycle Network "Tube Map" had been produced, identifying the key corridors along which future investment should be focussed. This strategic network was expected to develop in conjunction with the development areas identified in

the Local Plan but would also coordinate with strategic routes emerging from Newcastle City Council as part of their Cycle City Ambition Fund works.

Improvements to cycling infrastructure had been delivered as part of the highway investment programme and the 'tube map' of Strategic Cycle Routes which formed part of the adopted Cycling Strategy which helped to ensure that future developments would include high quality cycling provision. The benefits of cycling by residents and visitors focused on encouraging "every day cycling" so that using a cycle became an aspirational form of transport for all.

The annual data from cycle counters indicated growth in cycling trips ahead of our target, and the Authority was supporting increased participation in everyday cycling, e.g. by delivering Bikeability training in schools across the borough. The indicators of success were more cycling trips, greater participation in cycling initiatives, more workplaces encouraged cycling to work, and cycling infrastructure improvements helped to create a continuous network. Progress would be reported in the North Tyneside Transport Strategy Annual Report to Cabinet in May.

Schools remained an opportunity to secure increased travel behaviour change and support the national trend to increased use of alternatives to the private car by younger generations. The Authority recently worked with Sustrans to run an event under the national "School Streets" branding where the street outside a school was reserved for cycling and walking: this was well received by school pupils and the local community and had sparked interest from many other schools in the borough to do the same. Our ongoing 'GoSmarter' programme promoted the use of sustainable and active transport in schools and was achieving a shift away from car use of up to 15%, which helped to support air quality and health objectives. Summer of Cycling and Active North Tyneside initiatives has also been positively received.

Some local cycling and public rights of way improvements were made from the Local Transport Plan capital budget. The Authority would also consider all future opportunities to bid for funding to deliver further improvements. To help to do this in line with Government guidance, the Authority would identify a network of cycling (and walking) routes with growth potential, known as a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. Major Cycling structure schemes via the Local Growth Fund included the A1056 Weetslade corridor; North Bank of the Tyne; Coast Road cycle route; A parallel crossing with adjacent cycle crossing as part of the Cobalt cycle scheme; and A189 Killingworth road to provide a bus lane and protected cycle track.

Go Smarter were working in partnership with Sustrans to undertake a temporary road closure at Monkseaton Middle School as part of 'School Streets', a national initiative to trial temporary closures to motor vehicles of school streets so as to make it easier for pupils, staff and parents to choose active travel for their journey to school, while also improving safety, congestion and air quality. Monkseaton Middle School was one of 43 schools within the UK to agree to close the street to motor vehicles outside the school gate on 25 March, the only school in Tyne and Wear to take part. For this, Go Smarter was working collaboratively with Sustrans, the school and others to ensure the event was a success for all involved including children, teachers and parents.

Major schemes included a regeneration strategy 'An ambition for North Tyneside', new cycling-walking bridges at the A19 Silverlink; Tyne Pedestrian and Cyclist Tunnels intended to re-open, and a regional bid to the Transforming Cities Fund. The Nexus 'bikes on Metro' trial had also been extended.

Following the presentation, Members of the sub-committee sought clarification over a number of areas, including:

- (a) The issue of electric vehicles in relation to cyclists/pedestrians who can't hear them approaching which was a national agenda issue and not dealt with locally.

- (b) Bus technology in relation to HGV driver/cycle awareness training which North East partners were working on to raise standards.
- (c) The availability of signage and safe cycle route maps for cyclists/pedestrians including the inspirational 'tube maps' which would be available in due course.
- (d) Approach to the marketing and promotion of the safe cycle routes infrastructure across the Borough.

The Chair on behalf of the Sub-Committee thanked officers for attending the meeting to present the benefits of the Authority's Cycling Strategy and on the progress made during year one.

CL34/03/19 Chairs Announcement

The Chair thanked those Members who were not seeking re-election at the Local Elections in May 2019 for their contribution to the work of the Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee namely, Councillor Ed Hodson and Councillor Alison Waggott-Fairley; and this being the last meeting of the municipal year he also thanked all Members and Officers for their support.

Chair _____
30 July 2019

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Meeting: Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee

Date: 30 July 2019

Title: Culture and Leisure Overview

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Cultural Services

Service: Environment Housing and
Leisure

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the context for a presentation that will be given to the Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee, on the services delivered as part of its scrutiny portfolio, at the 30 July 2019 meeting.

2. Recommendations

The Sub-Committee is invited to note the information in the report and outlined in the presentation.

3. Details

The Council's culture and leisure provision accounts for over 3 million visits by members of the public over the course of a year.

This includes visits to the range of indoor and outdoor sports facility provision; involvement in the Active North Tyneside programme; engagement with libraries and Customer First Centres; visits to museums and St. Mary's Lighthouse; and audience figures for Playhouse, Whitley Bay.

In addition, the wide range of events across the Council's summer and winter programmes engage both residents and visitors, helping to sustain the tourism economy, which supports local business and helps generate jobs in the Borough.

The impact of these services, which are for many the frontline public face of the Council, should not be underestimated. They help shape the Borough's unique sense of place and make North Tyneside a great place to live, work and visit.

The purpose of the presentation is to outline the scope of these services, their financing and suggestions for future development.

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Meeting: Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee

Date: 30 July 2019

Title: Tour of Britain 2019

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Cultural Services

Service: Environment Housing and
Leisure

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee, with an update on the Tour of Britain 2019 (ToB) cycle event and preparations for activities in North Tyneside. The presentation will give an overview of the event with an assessment of the likely impact upon and benefits for North Tyneside.

2. Recommendations

The Sub-Committee is invited to note the information in the report and outlined in the presentation.

3. Details

3.1 Background

The ToB is the UK's largest professional cycle race, televised in 166 countries and broadcast live on the ITV network. The tour takes place between the 7th and 14th September 2019, a total of eight stages over eight days. The race consists of 120 cyclists and an entourage of 120 vehicles.

On Monday, 9th September, Stage 3 of the tour is to be hosted by the North of Tyne Combined Authority (NoTCA), starting in Berwick, coming through North Tyneside, before finishing in Newcastle City Centre.

3.2 Delivery of the project

A Multi Agency Steering Group, under the auspices of Culture Creative, who have organised ToB events in 2015 and 2017, is meeting every two weeks and involves representatives from Northumberland, North Tyneside and Newcastle local authorities, as well as the emergency services and transport providers.

Governance arrangements are in place to cover Operations and Traffic Management, Race Management, Community Engagement, Health and Wellbeing Legacy and Marketing and Communications. A Joint Authority Safety Advisory Group has been

established. A North Tyneside Steering Group, chaired through Cultural Services, has been established to co-ordinate activities in the borough.

A pack has been delivered to schools across all three Council areas to encourage engagement and ensure massive public participation when the race passes through local communities. In total 38 schools from North Tyneside, from over 120 responses across the NoTCA area, have expressed an interest in being involved. Schools will be provided with safe standing places to view the race; a full race timetable; and guaranteed parking for schools requiring minibus or coach parking to participate.

There is also an opportunity for schools to engage in a day with the Tour of Britain, an activity day on the route at a location away from school. In North Tyneside activities which are part of the Summer of Cycling will also promote the Tour of Britain 2019.

Following its success in 2018 the Tour organisers are holding a Land Art competition, which will cover the whole route from Glasgow to Manchester, to find the best piece of land art. Community groups, schools, businesses and land owners across the route will be encouraged to take part.

3.3 Timetable

The race is scheduled to leave Berwick at 11:00 and come into Whitley Bay from Seaton Sluice at 15:05. It will proceed southwards along the coast to arrive in Tynemouth at 15:09, taking the second exit off the roundabout before Grand Parade. Proceeding up Percy Park Road and onto the A193, Tynemouth Road, the race is scheduled to be in North Shields at 15:12, leaving the A193 at Tanner's Bank to proceed westward along the Fish Quay.

Passing the Ferry Landing, the race proceeds into the new Smith's Dock development, turning right at Dock Road, towards the Parks Sports Centre. Turning left at the roundabout A187, Howdon Road, the race continues long the A187, past Percy Main Primary School at 15:16, then turning right at the roundabout towards the Tyne Tunnel Trading Estate.

The race rejoins the A193, taking a left at the Wallsend Road roundabout, proceeding westwards along Tynemouth Road, into Howdon. The race proceeds along the A193 to Rosehill, Church Bank and onwards to High St East in Wallsend at 15:23.

At the junction of High St East and Station Road the race turns left and proceeds towards Buddle St. Turning right at the junction onto A187, Buddle St, the race will pass Segedunum, proceeding westward to exit North Tyneside arriving in Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne at 15:26 approximately, with an estimated finish time in Grey St, Newcastle City Centre, of 15:35.

All timings are necessarily estimates and may vary according to the conditions on the day. Assuming the above timetable for planning purposes, rolling road closures will precede the race in North Tyneside from 14:40 until 15:50.

All Council services, schools and local businesses have been asked to take these timings into account when planning their usual activities for the day of the race.

Regular updates will be posted at www.northoftyne-tob.co.uk

Meeting: Culture and Leisure Sub-committee

Date: 30 July 2019

Title: Work Programme 2019/20

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Service: Law and Governance

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present Members with potential topics for inclusion in the 2019/20 Culture and Leisure Sub-committee work programme.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The sub-committee is recommended to agree a work programme for 2019/20 and identify any further topics relevant to the remit of the sub-committee that could be included in the work programme.

3. Background

- 3.1 The sub-committee is invited to give consideration to determining its work programme for the year ahead. In doing so members may wish to take into account the following suggestions and framework.
- 3.2 The sub-committee is one of a number of overview and scrutiny sub-committees. The role of overview and scrutiny is described in the Council's Constitution as follows:

“Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development involves councillors of all political parties, as leaders of their communities, examining the delivery of services and influencing decision makers to ensure that they meet the needs, and improve the lives, of people in North Tyneside. It does this by:

- a) reviewing and challenging the impact of decisions and actions taken by the Elected Mayor, Cabinet and partner organisations;
- b) carrying out investigations into services and policy areas of interest and concern to communities in North Tyneside;
- c) involving communities in its work and reflecting their views and concerns; and
- d) supporting and assisting the Elected Mayor, Cabinet and partner organisations in the formulation of their future plans, strategies and their decision making by making evidence based recommendations to them on how services can be improved.”

3.3 The Culture and Leisure Sub-committee has responsibility to perform these roles in relation to the following areas:

- Active North Tyneside
- Arts
- Community Centres and Libraries
- Culture and Tourism
- Festivals and Events
- Heritage
- Indoor Sports Facilities
- Outdoor Activities
- Museums
- Parks and Play facilities

3.4 To ensure that the work programme is effective it is suggested that when evaluating topics for inclusion in the work programme the following criteria should be considered:

- Is it timely?
- Will it duplicate any other work ongoing within the Council or the North East Combined Authority scrutiny work programme?
- Will it add value/contribute to policy development?

3.5 A draft work programme has been formulated in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the sub-committee. This is attached as Appendix A. It is based on outstanding scrutiny exercises carried over from 2018/19 and topics identified by the Chair, Deputy Chair and senior Officers.

3.6 The sub-committee has the option of establishing sub-groups (of around 4/5 members) to carry out in-depth investigations. The sub-groups operate in a more informal way and can consult with a wide range of witnesses in various settings, often over a shorter period of time. When dealing with a specific topic, this focused way of working is often more productive than trying to achieve the same in a formal committee setting. Whilst more than one topic can be prioritised across the municipal year, only one sub-group can be established at any one time due to resourcing restraints. As yet a topic has yet to be identified for in-depth investigation by a sub-group.

4. Appendices

Appendix A - Draft Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee work programme 2019/20.

5. Background Information

The following documents have been used in the compilation of this report and may be inspected at the offices of the author:

- Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee minutes and work programme 2018/19.

Culture and Leisure sub-committee work programme 2019/20

Chair: Cllr Cath Davis

Deputy Chair: Cllr Steven Phillips

DSO: Yvonne Harrison

Agenda Item	Purpose	Lead Officer(s)	Outcome/Issues
30 July 2019			
Culture and Leisure Services Overview	To present an overview of the Authority's Culture and Leisure Services provision.	Paul Youlden Steve Bishop	
Tour of Britain cycling event	To present details of the 2019 Tour of Britain cycling event passing through North Tyneside on 9 September, supported by the North of Tyne Combined Authority and Northumberland CC.	Steve Bishop Nigel Walsh	
Work programme 2019/20	To determine the sub-committee's work programme for the year ahead. Items already identified by Members and officers will be presented, with the opportunity for the sub-committee to raise any additional topics for potential consideration.	Yvonne Harrison	
1 October 2019			
Bookstart Scheme	To present details of a Bookstart scheme	Steve Bishop	
Active North Tyneside Annual Report 2018-19	To receive the Authority's Active North Tyneside Annual Report 2018-19	Paul Youlden	

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Agenda Item	Purpose	Lead Officer(s)	Outcome/Issues
3 December 2019			
SMG Europe Sub-Group Monitoring report	To receive a monitoring report on Cabinet's agreed actions in relation to SMG Europe to run the Playhouse, Whitey Bay.	Steve Bishop	
28 January 2020			
Budget Proposals	To consider the Cabinet's budget proposals and the impact these will have on services.	Phil Scott Steve Bishop Paul Youlden	On an annual basis undertake the challenge of the Cabinet's budget and strategic planning proposals in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Rules of Procedure.
24 March 2020			
To be confirmed	Business to be confirmed		

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In-depth investigations

Name of sub-group	Membership	Brief outline of scope and timescale	Lead officer(s)	Progress