

MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 28TH OCTOBER, 2014

Present: Councillor C Snowball (Chair) and Councillors B Allen, Mrs B E Allen, R Arthur, E Bell, Mrs J A Bell, Mrs G Bleasdale, B Burn Snr, Mrs H J Cahill, S Cudlip, Mrs S Forster, Miss S Morrison, N R Page, I Paul, K Shaw, R Whitehead, K Younger

Apologies: Councillor B Burn Jnr

1. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded prior to the start of the meeting of the need to disclose any interests, prejudicial or personal, in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2014

RECOMMENDED the Minutes of this meeting, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

3. CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

RECOMMENDED the list of conference appointments a copy of which had been previously circulated, be approved.

4. CONFERENCES, COURSES AND SEMINARS

a) NAC AGM and Conference

The Committee considered details of the National Association of Councillors' Annual General Meeting and Conference to be held in Glasgow on 28th to 30th November, 2014.

RECOMMENDED the next two Councillors from the appropriate rota be authorised to attend this event as the Council's representatives, and such attendance rank as an approved duty for payment of appropriate allowances; the bookings would not be made until places were confirmed by Members wishing to attend

b) Conference Evaluation

RECOMMENDED the Council accept the report completed by the Council's delegate who attended the NAC Funding Community Sports and Play Conference held in Wakefield on 26th to 28th September, 2014.

5. NALC/CDALC ISSUES

a) Feedback from NALC National Conference and Conservative Party Conference

RECOMMENDED the correspondence from the NALC Chief Executive which provided updates on the key issues discussed at the two conferences, be noted.

b) E-Bulletin for County Associations and National Council

RECOMMENDED the latest E-Bulletin issued by NALC dated 10th October, 2014, be noted.

c) NALC update following the Liberal Democrat Party Conference and NALC Manifesto

RECOMMENDED the correspondence from the NALC Chief Executive which provided an update on the key issues raised at the LibDem Party Conference, together with the NALC Manifesto, be noted.

d) NALC Larger Councils Committee Election and next Larger Local Councils Forum

RECOMMENDED details of the nominees from County Durham for the NALC Larger Councils Committee, together with details of the next Larger Local Councils Forum to be held in November, be noted.

6. EAST DURHAM AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP

RECOMMENDED the details provided in relation to the Volunteer Recognition Awards 2014 and how to nominate an individual or group, be noted.

7. REVISED BUDGET FOR 2014/15 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2015/16

The Committee considered the estimates for arts and information services, a copy of which had been previously circulated. These outlined revised budgets for the current financial year and the proposed estimates for the next financial year covering all income and expenditure issues. Members were advised of the intention to convene a meeting of the Budget Sub-Committee in the near future to enable discussion on where savings could be made after which their proposals would be submitted for further consideration to the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, with the intention of the Council setting their precept at the meeting of the full Council in December.

RECOMMENDED the Council await the submission of proposals from the Budget Sub-Committee at the next meeting of this Committee.

8. **PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

RECOMMENDED the Council note that no press opportunities existed from this meeting.