

MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 31ST JANUARY, 2017

Present: Councillor I Paul (Chair) and Councillors, B Allen, Mrs B E Allen, Mrs M R Baird, E Bell, Mrs J A Bell, B Burn, S Cudlip, Mrs S Forster, R Meir, Miss S Morrison, K Shaw, C Snowball, B Taylor, R Whitehead.

Apologies: Councillor R Arthur, Mrs G Bleasdale, B Burn Jnr, Mrs H Cahill, K Younger

Prior to commencement of the meeting the Chair advised members of this Committee and members of the public that in line with the amendment to 'the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960', which came into force in August, 2014, parts of this meeting may be recorded by photographic, video and audio means.

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 3RD JANUARY, 2017

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 – The Future for Local Government Youth Services

The Committee considered details of The Future for Local Government Youth Services conference arranged by the National Association of Councillors, a copy of which had been previously circulated. The conference was to be held in Southport on 24th to 26th February, 2017.

RECOMMENDED that 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.

5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION TIME TABLE**

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information.

6. **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information.

7. **EAST DURHAM AREA ACTION PLAN**

a) **Minutes of the meeting of the Children and Young People Priority Group held on 17th November, 2016.**

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

8. **DESTINATION SEAHAM**

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information.

9. **PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

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