

MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 20TH JUNE, 2017

Present: Councillor Mrs J Bell (Chair) and Councillors, R Arthur, Mrs G Bleasdale, S Colborn, S Cudlip, Mrs V Cummings, Mrs S Forster, G N Hepworth, Mrs L Kennedy, D McKenna, K Shaw, T Shepherd, B Taylor, Miss L Willis

Apologies: Councillor Ms R Gratton, D Dummings, Mrs B Allen, Mrs S Pratt, Mrs K Brace, E Bell

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 23RD MAY, 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

Councillor S Colborn asked if he could be removed from all conferences rotas.

RECOMMENDED the list of conference appointments a copy of which had been previously circulated, be approved with the removal of Councillor S Colborn from both conference lists.

4. CONFERENCES, COURSES AND SEMINARS

a) NEREO – MEDIATION SKILLS

A Member suggested that the course was not financially viable to the Council.

RECOMMENDED that no Members attend the course.

b) **NEW COUNCILLOR & CHAIRMANSHIP TRAINING**

RECOMMENDED that the new Councillor and Chairmanship training take place on the dates agreed by the majority on Tuesday, 4th and Wednesday, 5th July at Seaham Town Hall – 6.00 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. Those Members who cannot attend the dates agreed, will need to attend external training venues, which the office will provide the dates of.

5. **EAST DURHAM AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP**

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

6. **DESTINATION SEAHAM**

RECOMMENDED the Minutes of the meeting of the Group which met on 25th May 2017, be noted.

7. **PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

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