

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Education, Culture and Sport
DATE	27 August 2009
CORPORATE DIRECTOR	John Tomlinson, Corporate Director with Lead Role for Education, Culture and Sport.
TITLE OF REPORT	Education, Culture and Sport Service Planning for 2009-10 & 2010-13

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to:

1. Brief Members on the current position with regards to the Service Improvement Plan which was created in the period from September 2008 as the Service's contribution to the Council's response to the Best Value Recommendations by the Accounts Commission.
2. Outline the proposed course of action with regards to preparation and creation of an Education, Culture and Sport Service Plan for the period 2010-13. This will reflect the Service priorities and the budget decisions leading up to 2010-11.
3. The timescales set out in this report will enable the new Committee and Director to put their stamp on the work going forward.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Note the progress made in respect of the Service Improvement Plan for Education, Culture and Sport;
- (ii) Approve the proposed course of action to produce an Education, Culture and Sport Service Plan 2010-13 for implementation on 1 April 2010.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications have arisen from the Service Improvement Plan which are being addressed through the approved revenue and capital budgets of the Service.

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

The purpose of the Education, Culture and Sport Service Plan for 2010-13 is to ensure that the correct level of focus is applied across the Service to effect the changes necessary for achieving the Council's vision and objectives.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None in terms of this report

6. REPORT

Service Improvement Plan

- 6.1 The Service Improvement Plan for Education, Culture and Sport has guided the work through the period of realigning the citywide services (October 2008 through to the establishment of a new service structure in August 2009).
- 6.2 The next steps are to review and update the Service Improvement Plan to guide the Education, Culture and Sport Service through the period from August 2009 – March 2010. The updated Plan will be reported to a future committee.
- 6.3 Ongoing and outstanding actions from the Service Improvement Plan will be carried into the development of the Service Plan for 2010-13.

Service Plan 2010-13

- 6.4 In line with the Corporate Service Planning Guidance, issued by the Head of Performance Management and Quality Assurance and approved by CMT on 17 July 2009, work will continue to collate service related information from existing service plans under the former structure with a view to rationalisation and assessment of such for inclusion into the Education, Culture and Sport Service Plan for 2010-13.
- 6.5 Figure 1 demonstrates the shape of the planning structure for the Education, Culture and Sport Service.

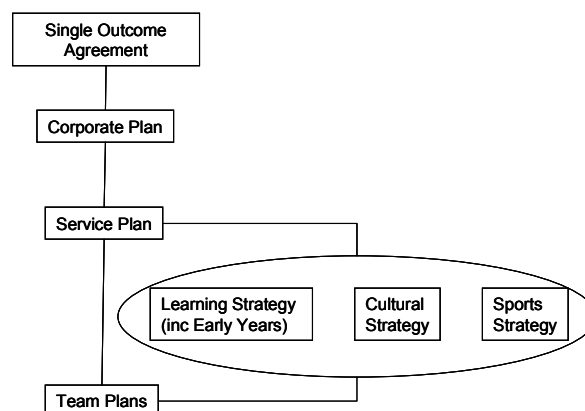


Figure 1: Education, Culture and Sport Planning Structure

- 6.6 The Education, Culture and Sport Service Plan 2010-13 will provide focus and direction for the Service in terms of actions and performance targets.
- 6.7 Objectives and outcomes from the Single Outcome Agreement and the Corporate Plan will inform the priority actions of the Education, Culture and Sport Service. How we deliver upon these actions will be specified within each of our respective strategies for Learning (including Early Years), Culture and Sport.
- 6.8 Timetable for Education, Culture and Sport Service Planning Process (in line with corporate timetable).

Time Period	Action
Jul - Oct 09	Amalgamate and rationalise as appropriate, the existing plans from the disestablished services to reflect the new structure
Aug – Oct 09	Strategic assessment carried out by service in preparation for 2010-13 Service Plan
Sept – Oct 09	Draft Service Plan prepared reflecting priorities and anticipation
Nov 09 – Jan 10	Engagement and consultation with stakeholders on the draft service plan
Jan – Mar 10	Finalise service plan with the inclusion of Council's budgetary decisions

7. AUTHORISED SIGNATURE

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9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil