

CULTURE AND SPORT SUB COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 10 January, 2013 - minute of meeting of the CULTURE AND SPORT SUB COMMITTEE. Present: Councillor Laing (Convener); and Councillors Boulton, Cameron, Lesley Dunbar, Greig (as substitute for Councillor Jennifer Stewart), Thomson and Townson.

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DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT ITEM OF BUSINESS

1. The Convener proposed that the Sub Committee consider the report identified on the agenda as being for determination in private, with the press and public excluded.

The Sub Committee resolved:

in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the press and public from the meeting for item 7 of the agenda (article 7 of this minute) so as to avoid disclosure of information of the class described in paragraphs 4, 6, 8 and 9 of Schedule 7(A) to the Act.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. The Sub Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 7 November, 2012.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to approve the minute as a correct record.

SPORTS GRANTS

3. With reference to article 6 of the minute of its previous meeting, the Sub Committee had before it a report by the Head of Communities, Culture and Sport which presented applications for financial assistance from three sports organisations.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to approve funding to organisations as follows –

Organisation	Funding Awarded
Aberdeen Amateur Athletics Club	£4,950
Aberdeen Dolphins Swimming Club	£2,500
Adventure Aberdeen	£4,000

ACCESS TO ARTS AND CULTURE – INFORMATION BULLETIN

4. The Sub Committee had before it an information bulletin by the Cultural Policy and Partnership Officer which presented information on the challenges facing officers in improving the Council's approach to self evaluation, and an exemplar project "Examining the Face of Political Heritage".

The Sub Committee resolved:

to note the content of the information bulletin.

WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN – INFORMATION BULLETIN

5. The Sub Committee had before it an information bulletin by the Sports Policy and Partnership Officer which brought members up to date on the water management plan for the city.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to note the content of the information bulletin.

REVIEW OF EXTERNAL INVESTMENT IN CULTURE AND SPORT – GENERAL FINDINGS

6. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Education, Culture and Sport which presented the general findings from the review of external investment in culture and sport which had been recently concluded.

Members noted the tremendous work undertaken by officers in preparing this report, particularly in relation to the collaboration which had taken place with the different organisations.

The Sub Committee resolved:

- (i) to note the general findings of the review of external investment in culture and sport as outlined within the report;
- (ii) to note the key requirements for reforming the Council's approach to its external investment in culture and sport, as detailed within the report;
- (iii) to note the ongoing changes in the managerial and administrative practices associated with external investment in culture and sport;
- (iv) to instruct officers to revise the agreements with each Arms Length External Organisation in receipt of "core funding" to incorporate a formal review clause which allows for consideration of the relevance of level and use of the Council's investment;
- (v) to instruct officers to provide external organisations which are recommended for "development funding" with a fixed term in principle agreement which supports forward planning and development;
- (vi) to instruct officers to undertake a review, in collaboration with partners, to determine whether the current arrangements for the appointment to the Board of Arms Length External Organisations remains best practice; and
- (vii) to instruct officers to report back on progress in due course.

In accordance with the decision taken at item 1 of this minute, the following item of business was considered with the press and public excluded.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As the findings of each organisation were presented as separate reports, the Sub Committee agreed to consider each item in turn, in order to allow for members who may have to declare interests and withdraw due to their involvement with certain organisations, to participate in as much of the discussion as possible.

Councillors Boulton, Thomson and Townson declared interests in the subject matter of the report on Aberdeen International Youth Festival due to their positions as Board members. Councillors Boulton, Thomson and Townson withdrew from the meeting prior to discussion of this report.

Councillor Boulton declared an interest in the subject matter of the report on Aberdeen Performing Arts to her position as Board member but chose to remain in the as Aberdeen Performing Arts had a specific exclusion in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

Councillor Cameron declared an interest in the subject matter of the report on Aberdeen Sports Village due to his position as Board member, and withdrew from the meeting prior to discussion of this report.

Councillor Cameron declared an interest in the subject matter of the report on Peacock Visual Arts due to his position as Board member, and withdrew from the meeting prior to discussion of this report.

REVIEW OF EXTERNAL INVESTMENT IN CULTURE AND SPORT – ORGANISATIONAL FINDINGS

7. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Education, Culture and Sport which presented the findings in relation to each external organisation further to the review of external investment in culture and sport which had been recently concluded.

The Sub Committee considered reports on the findings of the review in relation to the following organisations:

- Aberdeen International Youth Festival**
- Aberdeen Performing Arts**
- Aberdeen Sports Village**
- Garthdee Alpine Sports**
- Sport Aberdeen**
- Aberdeen Football Club**
- Aberdeen Youth Rugby Association**
- Castlegate Arts**

- City Screen
- Jazz Scotland
- Peacock Visual Arts
- Scottish Culture and Traditions
- Scottish Hockey
- Sound
- Station House Media Unit

During discussion of the findings on Garthdee Alpine Sports, members intimated that it may be useful for officers to liaise with their colleagues in the Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Directorate in relation to the Bridge of Dee survey, in order that they have all relevant information available to them and are kept up to date on this issue going forward.

The Sub Committee resolved:

- (i) to note the reports on organisational findings of the review of external investment in culture and sport as presented in appendix 1 to the report; and
- (ii) to note the financial recommendations (appendix 2 of the report) to be incorporated within the General Fund Revenue Budget report to be considered at the budget meeting of Council

- COUNCILLOR JENNIFER LAING, Convener