

**COMMUNITY, CUSTOMER AND ORGANISATIONAL SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, 8th July, 2021**

Present:-

Councillor L Collins (Chair)

Councillors Kelly  
Borrell  
Dyke

Councillor P Innes, Assistant Cabinet Member +  
Councillor Mannion-Brunt, Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing +  
Councillor Sarvent – Cabinet Member for Town Centre and Visitor  
Economy +

Ian Waller, Service Director – Leisure, Culture and Community Wellbeing +  
Anthony Radford, Cultural Services Manager +  
Rachel Appleyard, Senior Democratic and Scrutiny Officer  
Graham Ibberson, Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

+ Attended for Minute Nos. 3 and 4

**1 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS  
RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

No declarations of interest were received.

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Blakemore, Cllr Fordham and Cllr Kellman.

**3 CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING - ANTI SOCIAL  
BEHAVIOUR**

The Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing presented a report and update of the Chesterfield Community Safety Partnership Safer Streets Grant Fun application and outcome, the approach used to access funding and expected impact. The report referred to the following areas within round 2 of the application process;

- A review of the criteria was undertaken

- The review was data driven and informed by Derbyshire Constabulary and Crime Commissioners office
- The outcome identified an application would be appropriate targeting Chesterfield Town Centre and specific locations in the Boythorpe area
- Chesterfield Community Safety Partnership received confirmation on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 that the application had been successful
- The application received the full request of £432,000 to be used as outlined below
  - CCTV upgrade existing and new sites
  - Automatic Number Plate Recognition Cameras
  - Target hardening to residential properties
  - Alleygating
  - Bike parking security
  - Enhanced street lighting
  - Engagement activity to provide the public with personal safety awareness and equipment

It was noted that potential barriers related primarily to timescale as the funding conditions require that the grant needs to be allocated and spent by 31st March 2022. Initial scoping and risk management has not identified any significant risks to project deliverability at this stage, however the project team would continually monitor the risks and take suitable action as required.

The Community Safety Partnership was confident that this is a deliverable scheme and whilst it was felt that further scrutiny involvement was not required at this time, a future report to scrutiny that confirmed the completion of the project would be appropriate.

## **RESOLVED –**

That the report be noted

## **4 CABINET MEMBER FOR TOWN CENTRES AND VISITOR ECONOMY - ARTS AND VENUES**

The Cabinet Member for Town Centres and Visitor Economy presented a report and update of the Re-opening of Chesterfield Theatres and Venues.

The report provided a full summary position as detailed below;

- Chesterfield Venues (Winding Wheel Theatre, Pomegranate Theatre, Hasland Village Hall, Assembly Rooms and the Rest Rooms) were originally closed on 16th March 2020
- The Pomegranate Theatre re-opened on 24th July 2020 and the Winding Wheel Theatre opening on October 2020 along with Hasland Village Hall and the Assembly Rooms
- The Rest Rooms remained closed as it was not possible to re-open in a Covid secure way

- The Pomegranate Theatre and the Winding Wheel closed again on 5th November 2020
- Hasland Village Hall and the Assembly Rooms remained partially open for use by support groups within the community
- In January 2021 the Winding Wheel was licensed to the NHS for use as a vaccination centre
- The Pomegranate Theatre re-opened on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 with a reduced seating capacity and both Hasland Village Hall and the Assembly Rooms were able to open for a wider category of activities and events

It was noted that since the Pomegranate Theatre re-opened on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021, a mixed programme of cinema and live theatre has been presented to a reduced capacity of 160 seats. The report detailed the numbers of performances and the numbers of activities undertaken in both Hasland Village Hall and the Assembly Rooms. The general response from customers had been very positive.

Future plans were said to be dependant on the final step of the easing of restrictions, but it is hoped further re-opening during the next few months with the Winding Wheel expected to re-open in August 2021.

#### **RESOLVED –**

That the report be noted

### **5 SCRUTINY PROJECT GROUPS PROGRESS UPDATES**

Rachel Appleyard, Senior Democratic and Scrutiny Officer provided an update on the Scrutiny Project Groups. It was confirmed the draft Visitor Economy strategy is due to go to Cabinet in September so that will be the next stage Scrutiny can feed into project.

#### **RESOLVED –**

That the report be noted

### **6 SCRUTINY MONITORING**

The Committee considered the Scrutiny recommendations implementation monitoring schedule.

#### **RESOLVED –**

That the Scrutiny monitoring schedule be noted.

### **7 FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee considered the Forward Plan for the period 1 July – 31 October, 2021.

**RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

**8 WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE COMMUNITY, CUSTOMER AND ORGANISATIONAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

It was noted that the Committee plan to set up future meetings to review the Forward Plan with a view for future Scrutiny.

**RESOLVED -**

That the work programme be approved.

**9 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY DEVELOPMENTS**

There were no developments to report.

**RESOLVED –**

**10 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Community, Customer and Organisational Scrutiny Committee held on 25 March 2021 were presented.

**RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.