Culture and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission Work Programme 2023 – 2024

Meeting Date	Item	Recommendations / Actions	Progress
16 August 2023	Introduction presentation to Culture and Neighbourhoods services.	Suggested topics for scrutiny to be added to the work programme.	Complete
26 September 2023	 Voluntary Community sector engagement strategy report Draft Cultural and Creative Industries Strategy report 2 reports: a) Ward Funding Policy and b) Ward Funding Annual Report Work Programme – draft work programme 	 a) To explore formalising structures with VCS. b) To explore LCC and VCS joint funding initiatives / boards. c) LCC to provide helping hand to VCS to empower communities. d) To explore a business pledge for LCC to sign up to. e) To engage more with ward cllrs. A fuller report to be brought back to a future meeting. a) to consider increasing the ward funding budget. b) Vice chair to lead a Review group to be set up to look into this topic. c) The engagement of volunteers to be explored. d) To consider best practice. e) For the members training re: ward meetings on 11th Oct - suggested 2 levels of engagement needed – one for more experienced cllrs and one for newer cllrs. 	 In progress – officers to respond in due course. Listed on the work programme. b) Initial discussions taking place between officers and members.

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24 October 2023	1) Executive response back from previous review re: Encouraging women to participate in sports and physical activities. 2) Museum Service Overview 3) Bereavement Services/Burial Policy	 1a) Amend/clarify wording on women swimming in burkhas. 1b) A report on various bodies that could promote Women's engagement in Sport (i.e. the NHS or Universities) could be produced, perhaps a Board could look at. 1c) Good practice in other authorities to be considered. 1d) Other Groups with protected characteristics such as disability sport could be considered. Data could also be broken down into, for example, age and ethnicity. 1e) Indicators of success to be provided. 1f) Delivery and implementation of the Sports Strategy to be reported to Scrutiny. 	 1a) Complete, document amended. 1b) Sport & Active Recreation Development Manager happy to consider for future meeting, subject to approval by the Chair. 1c) Noted, and ongoing practice adopted with this. 1d) Point to note. 1e) This can be supplied, as and when required. Sport & Active Recreation Development Manager recommends an annual update on women's participation in sport. This could link into above point of disability too. 1f) Being brought forward at December meeting.
		 2a) Update to be brought to Scrutiny once Museums Strategy in place. 2b) Updates to be brought annually. 3a) Annual update to come to Scrutiny. 3b) Commission to be kept aware of the national consultation of the issue and any legislative changes on re-burial policy. 	2a) Update following Museum Strategy likely to come in January 2024

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5 December 2023	Active Leicester Strategy Action Plan		
	Tree Strategy review		
29 January 2024	Council budget reports – general fund and capital		
	Draft Museum Strategy		
	VCSE Strategy/Crowdfund Leicester Update		
	Library and Community Needs Assessment		
	Informal Scrutiny Response Report – ASB team		
25 March 2024	Festivals and Events Review update		
(Date likely to change)	Tourism Plan Review		

Forward Plan Items (suggested)

Topic	Detail	Proposed Date
Culture and Creative Industry Strategy	A fuller report to be provided following the item on 26 September.	
Community Safety		
Fly-tipping strategy		
Growing spaces strategy		
Jewry Wall museum development, progress update		
Heritage panels, inviting members suggestions for new panels		
Enabling volunteers		
Heritage Lottery Fund (Place Programme Funding)	Requested at meeting on 24 October	
Food Service Plan Update		