## Culture and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission Work Programme 2023 – 2024

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

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| 24 October<br>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 | <ul> <li>1a) Amend/clarify wording on women swimming in burkhas.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>1c) Good practice in other authorities to be considered.</li> <li>1d) Other Groups with protected characteristics such as disability sport could be considered.</li> <li>Data could also be broken down into, for example, age and ethnicity.</li> <li>1e) Indicators of success to be provided.</li> <li>1f) Delivery and implementation of the Sports Strategy to be reported to Scrutiny.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>1a) Complete, document amended.</li> <li>1b) Sport &amp; Active Recreation     Development Manager happy to     consider for future meeting,     subject to approval by the Chair.</li> <li>1c) Noted, and ongoing practice     adopted with this.</li> <li>1d) Point to note.</li> <li>1e) This can be supplied, as and     when required. Sport &amp; Active     Recreation Development     Manager recommends an annual     update on women's participation     in sport. This could link into     above point of disability too.</li> <li>1f) Being brought forward at     December meeting.</li> </ul> |
|                    |  | <ul> <li>2a) Update to be brought to Scrutiny once Museums Strategy in place.</li> <li>2b) Updates to be brought annually.</li> <li>3a) Annual update to come to Scrutiny.</li> <li>3b) Commission to be kept aware of the national consultation of the issue and any legislative changes on re-burial policy.</li> </ul>   | 2a) Update following Museum<br>Strategy likely to come in January<br>2024  |

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| 5 December<br>2023 | Active Leicester Strategy     Action Plan     Tree Strategy review | Opportunities to encourage cooperation between professional sports clubs and the voluntary sector to be considered.   | 1a) Update sent to members of the Commission.  |
|                    |  | 1b) Report to come back to Commission once more complete and the findings of the seminar are known.   |  |
|                    |  | 1c) Should Sport England Funding become available, grassroots/community sports clubs to be considered for priority over larger professional clubs with their own funding streams. |  |
| 29 January<br>2024 | Council budget reports – general fund and capital                  | A breakdown of how services were impacted by savings to be produced in a report.      Report on engaging community organisations to be brought to the Commission.                 | There will be wide consultation on future savings proposals which should include all scrutiny commissions. |

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| 25 April<br>2024 | 1) VCSE Strategy/Crowdfund Leicester Update/Enabling volunteers.  2) Informal Scrutiny Recommendations – Ward Community Funding  3) Tourism Plan Review |                           |          |

## Forward Plan Items (suggested)

| Topic  | Detail                                 | Proposed Date |
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| Informal Scrutiny Response Report – ASB team | Deferred until 2024/25 municipal year. |               |
| Draft Museum Strategy                        | Deferred from 25 April 2024.           |               |
| Festivals and Events Review update           | Deferred from 25 April 2024.           |               |

| Engagement of Community Organisations                        | Report on how community organisations could be engaged to help the Council run services as requested at the meeting of 29 January.  |  |
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| Library and Community Needs Assessment                       |   |  |
| 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 |   |  |
| Heritage Lottery Fund (Place Programme Funding)              | Requested at meeting on 24 October  |  |
| Food Service Plan Update                                     |   |  |
| Active Leicester and Women in Sport –<br>Annual Update       | Following discussion at the meeting of 5 December, it was requested that the report come back to the commission around 6-months later when it was fuller and the findings of the seminar were known. It was later decided to combine this with the report on Women in Sport, To include indicators of success, information ton bodies that can help promote Women's engagement in sport, other groups with protected characteristics such as disability sport and data broken down into, for example, age and ethnicity. As suggested at the meeting on 24 October 2023, with a possibility of a Board looking at this. |  |