

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 1 FEBRUARY 2006

LEISURE AND CULTURE STRATEGY / THE CULTURAL COMMISSION REPORT

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of progress on the Leisure and Culture Strategy and the Cultural Commission's report "Our Next Major Enterprise".

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 14 September 2005, the Committee considered a report entitled "the Cultural Commission Report – Our Next Major Enterprise" which gave details of the Commission's key recommendations and their potential impact on the Council's Cultural Services. The report also indicated that the Leisure and Cultural Strategy for East Ayrshire would be available for Committee consideration in early 2006.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Unfortunately the Scottish Executive's response to the Cultural Commission's findings had not been published in time to allow their implications for a local Leisure and Cultural Strategy to be properly considered and therefore it was not possible to present the Leisure and Cultural Strategy to this Committee meeting for consideration.
- 3.2 The Executive's response to the Commission's findings has the potential to significantly effect both the content and format of the local Leisure and Culture Strategy it will now be necessary to delay consideration of the draft strategy until the March meeting of this Committee. This will then be followed by a period of public consultation prior to approval of the strategy later in the year.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Nil

5. LEGAL AUTHORITY / IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Nil

6. POLICY / COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil

7. CONCLUSION

7.1 As it has not been possible to give detailed consideration to the Executive's response to the recommendations of the Cultural Commission and update the draft Leisure and Culture Strategy accordingly it is necessary to delay presentation of the draft strategy until the March meeting of this Committee.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- i) notes the current position regarding the Scottish Executive response to the recommendation of the Cultural Commission; and
- ii) notes the consequent need to delay presentation of the draft Leisure and Cultural Strategy until March 2006.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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