

## **Scrutiny Annual Report: April 2013 to March 2014**

**Select Committee:** Culture & Communities

**Report of Chairman:** Councillor Elaine Still

**In-depth Reviews undertaken / outcomes being monitored:** None this year

### **Light Touch Reviews undertaken / outcomes being monitored:**

Reviews/Working Groups initiated: The Committee formed a sub-committee to consider, comment and make recommendations to the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside on the large grant applications made under the Community Buildings Capital Grant Scheme. This group met in February 2014 in order to review six shortlisted major grant applications, and made recommendations to the Executive Member as to which should be supported and for what sum.

Income Generation Opportunities – a further update was provided to the full committee in April 2013 on income generations within the service over the 2012-13 financial year.

### **Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions:**

The Committee has pre-scrutinised a number of proposals prior to decision by the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation & Countryside:

- 2014 Commemorations progress
- Gosport Post Office and Discovery Centre
- Hampshire Museums and Arts service: accreditation return and collections management policy
- Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme
- Museum and Arts service – Cultural Trust

**Call-in of Significant Executive Decisions:** None in this period

### **Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:**

The Committee continued to consider the proposed Revenue Budget for cultural and community services at the January 2014 meeting, as per the agreed budget scrutiny cycle.

### **Policy Review:**

The Committee has continued to review the Council's approach to securing an Olympic legacy locally. In 2013-14 it reviewed the sport and physical activity strategy in order to understand how this would encourage the public to be more active, more often. In 2014-15 the Committee will continue to review policy in relation to Olympic legacy.

### **Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern:**

- The Contribution, Sustainability and Value of Volunteers to the Culture and Communities sector of Culture, Communities and Business Services
- Grant Funding for Culture, Community and Recreational Organisations in Hampshire
- Hampshire Commemoration: progress
- Investment in Dance

- Library and Information Service
- Paralympic Sport
- Transforming the County's Country Parks
- World War II Centenary and 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day
- The Director of Economy, Transport and Environment provided the Committee with a presentation on Tourism in Hampshire.
- The committee received a presentation on the success of Hampshire events linked to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic games, and how plans were being developed to fulfil the Olympic legacy.

**Upcoming topics:**

Over the coming year the Committee has the following topics on the work programme:

- Countryside access (overview)
- Libraries strategy (policy development)
- Transforming country parks (monitoring)