

Meeting: Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee

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Title: Culture and Leisure Overview

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Cultural Services

Service: Environment Housing and
Leisure

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the context for a presentation that will be given to the Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee, on the services delivered as part of its scrutiny portfolio, at the 30 July 2019 meeting.

2. Recommendations

The Sub-Committee is invited to note the information in the report and outlined in the presentation.

3. Details

The Council's culture and leisure provision accounts for over 3 million visits by members of the public over the course of a year.

This includes visits to the range of indoor and outdoor sports facility provision; involvement in the Active North Tyneside programme; engagement with libraries and Customer First Centres; visits to museums and St. Mary's Lighthouse; and audience figures for Playhouse, Whitley Bay.

In addition, the wide range of events across the Council's summer and winter programmes engage both residents and visitors, helping to sustain the tourism economy, which supports local business and helps generate jobs in the Borough.

The impact of these services, which are for many the frontline public face of the Council, should not be underestimated. They help shape the Borough's unique sense of place and make North Tyneside a great place to live, work and visit.

The purpose of the presentation is to outline the scope of these services, their financing and suggestions for future development.