

**Committee:** Community & Leisure Services  
**Date:** 3 June 2003  
**Agenda Item No:** 4  
**Title:** A new Leisure & Cultural Strategy for Uttlesford  
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### **Summary**

- 1 This report provides Members with a revised Leisure & Cultural Strategy for Uttlesford. It recommends that it is progressed towards formal approval.

### **Background**

- 2 During 2002, the Council undertook a Best Value Review of Leisure & Cultural Services. The Review culminated in a Final Report to Scrutiny 1 – Community & Housing Committee in November 2002 and this Committee in January 2003. Both Committees approved the Final Report and the Improvement Plan attached to the Report which set out a series of actions. A copy of the Final Report and Improvement Plan is attached.

### **Progress**

- 3 One of the actions was to confirm a new Strategy Statement for Leisure & Cultural Services which this Committee did do at its meeting in March this year. The Strategy Statement is as follows :-

“The objective of the Council is to play its part in the promotion of a healthy lifestyle and the enjoyment of cultural and leisure activities by residents of Uttlesford through –

- The provision of leisure facilities of a high standard;
- Encouragement of voluntary clubs and organisations by way of assistance to them through grants and advice and the promotion of their activities;
- Work with young people to encourage in them an interest in, and enjoyment of, sporting leisure and cultural activities;
- The maintenance of Saffron Walden Museum as a first class museum, offering advice to voluntary museums and individuals in the District as well as conserving and displaying its collections;
- The promotion of tourism in Uttlesford, and the provision of information to enable both visitors and residents to enjoy the many things Uttlesford has to offer.”

- 4 The Committee also confirmed that the Leisure & Cultural Strategy for Uttlesford should be recast to reflect the Strategy Statement. Officers have

developed the appended Strategy (to follow) which provides for a more focused and prioritised approach to the delivery of Leisure & Cultural services in the district. It also takes into account Government/national, regional and county guidance and relevant Community Plan objectives. Although the report of the Best Value Inspectors has still not yet been received officers have taken into account matters discussed during the process. There may, of course, be further material information in their final report.

- 5 Due to the short timescales, no formal consultation with interested parties has taken place. Members may wish officers to carry out limited consultation with a view to finalising and approving the formal strategy at the next meeting of this Committee.

RECOMMENDED that Members consider the new draft Leisure & Cultural Strategy for Uttlesford and advise on the way forward.

Background Papers: Leisure & Cultural Strategy for Uttlesford - 2000 – 2005,  
Best Value Review of Leisure & Cultural Services –  
Final Report January 2003

**Committee:** Community and Leisure  
**Date:** 3 June 2003  
**Agenda Item No:** 5  
**Title:** Mid North Essex Community Legal Service Partnership Strategic Plan  
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### **Summary**

- 1 This report asks Members to formally adopt the Mid North Essex Community Legal Service Partnership Strategic Plan.

### **Background**

- 2 The Community Legal Service Partnership (CLSP) brings together in a single grouping the funders and providers of local legal and advice services. The CLSP provides the funding and planning frameworks to support the local networks of legal and advice services. There is a statutory responsibility for the Council to enter into such a partnership and produce a strategy, the purpose of which is providing legal and advice services to the local community.
- 3 The Mid North Essex Community Legal Service Partnership consists of representatives from Uttlesford DC, Maldon DC, Chelmsford BC, Braintree DC, members of private practice and the voluntary sector.
- 4 Funding for the Partnership comes from the regional office of the Community Legal Service (formally the Legal Aid Board), one or more local authorities (through provision of officer time and grants to voluntary organisations), and others, particularly charities which take responsibility for ensuring that the local population has access to legal and advice services.
- 5 Providers of services include solicitors in private practice, not for profit agencies such as the Citizens Advice Bureau, law centres and Housing Aid/Advice Centres.
- 6 A report was presented to the Community and Leisure Committee on 7 January 2003 regarding the development of a strategy for the Mid North Essex Community Legal Service Partnership. The Committee was asked to consider the draft Strategic Plan and provide comments to the Partnership.
- 7 The Committee considered that no changes were necessary. However, it did comment that improvements in service provision to the young and elderly in particular should be sought. The Community Legal Service received very few comments in total and consequently has made very minor changes to the final

plan. It now requires that all relevant partners adopt the Mid North Essex Community Legal Service Partnership Strategic Plan.

- 8 Copies of the draft Strategy are available in the Members' Room whilst the final Plan is being printed. The relevant text relating to Uttlesford is attached.

RECOMMENDED that the Committee formally adopts the Mid North Essex Community Legal Service Partnership Strategic Plan

Background Papers: Guidance and Information for Community Legal Service Partnerships; Draft Strategic Plan for Consultation – Mid North Essex Community Legal Service Partnership

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**Agenda Item No:** 6

**Title:** Young Musician of the Year

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### **Summary**

- 1 This report advises Members on the situation regarding funding for the Young Musician of the Year. Further information will be provided at the meeting.

### **Background**

- 2 At the last meeting of this Committee Members were advised that there was insufficient budget available to run the Young Musician of the Year Festival in 2003. A Member advised the Committee that sponsorship could be secured for the event. Officers were asked to prepare proposals for a Festival to be held towards the end of the year, subject to sufficient sponsorship funding being received in addition to this Council's contribution of £1,000 and report back to the next meeting of the Committee.

### **Progress**

- 3 At the time of writing the report Officers had not received confirmed information about the level of sponsorship available towards the project. Further information is being sought and will be provided at the meeting. It is recommended that Members consider the information to be presented at the meeting to determine the way forward.

Background Papers: Report to Community & Leisure Committee 4 March 2003