

Cabinet's Response to the Scrutiny Review - Cultural Strategy.

	Recommendation	Cabinet Decision (Accepted/ Rejected/ Deferred)	Cabinet Response (detailing proposed action if accepted, rationale for rejection, and why and when issue will be reconsidered if deferred)	Accountability	Target date for completion (if applicable)
1.	That the following recommendations from the review be received: a) That the range of available activities tailored for young residents of the Borough be prioritised for expansion.	Accepted	That Cabinet accept the recommendation from the Spotlight Scrutiny/OSMB meeting. Services across Culture, Sport and Tourism work on an annual basis to deliver a wide range of activities for young people across the borough. A number of examples are already in existence such as:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arts Awards activity delivered in school holidays - The Museums, Arts and Heritage Team deliver an early years programme - Saturday Stories take place for free on a weekly basis The team have senior officer representation on the Holiday Activity Fund steering group to help direct the work of the scheme always seeking to expand its reach. A number of externally funded schemes such as the WEuro legacy programme, Active Through Football Community scheme in Maltby, Kimberworth Park and Eastwood deliver to young people in priority communities. The Children's Capital of Culture programme planning will gain pace over the coming year with young people from low-income communities a priority.	Polly Hamilton and Leanne Buchan	On-going
	b) That consideration be given to how best to expand access, especially for young people, to recreational swimming in the Borough, whilst protecting against hazards.	Accepted	That Cabinet accept the recommendation from the Spotlight Scrutiny/OSMB meeting. All swimming programmes within RMBC facilities support Drowning Prevention Week and deliver outdoor water safety briefings. Wild swimming has increased in popularity over recent years and as a result work has commenced to explore a recreational offer within Country Parks. Additional signage has been installed in country parks and blue spaces to inform the public of dangers of swimming in open water. Ulley Country Park has put in place additional measures on the bridge to safeguard people accessing the water. Further work will take place throughout 2023 to build on awareness and education on the aforementioned initiatives.	Chris Siddall	July 2023
	c) That the service liaise with Children and Young People's Services to develop a system to help young carers more easily access opportunities for leisure and culture-related respite.	Accepted	That Cabinet accept the recommendation from the Spotlight Scrutiny/OSMB meeting. Young Carers are able to access leisure provision when accompanying the person they are caring for via the Rothercard Scheme. However, this currently does not provide free access. The Leisure Team are committed to exploring this opportunity within the centres and work will build upon the Looked After Children scheme. Dialogue has begun with colleagues in Children and Young People's Services and other partners on the Cultural Partnership Board to explore the feasibility of a wider scheme which could be rolled out in readiness for the summer holidays.	Chris Siddall	June 2023
	d) With a view to expanding access, that consideration be given to hosting cultural events at alternating and varied locations and venues throughout the Borough where appropriate.	Accepted	That Cabinet accept the recommendation from the Spotlight Scrutiny/OSMB meeting. A number of initiatives are already in place across the borough in Libraries, for example Fun Palaces and Maker Spaces. All 15 libraries and Maltby Leisure Centre are supporting the Warm Welcome initiative. Herringthorpe Stadium, in partnership with Rotherham Harriers, is seeking to introduce a new Athletics Academy. Flux Rotherham, a consortium project between Voluntary Action Rotherham, Grimm and Co, RMBC, and Wentworth Woodhouse, is currently delivering a range of activities available to young adults in Maltby, Swinton, Wath, Ferham and Eastwood. Moving Rotherham, the borough's strategic partnership for Physical Activity is refining its future priorities and this recommendation can be fed into planning.	Leanne Buchan	On-going

			<p>Holiday Activity Fund initiatives are expanding all the time and again, this recommendation will be fed into the steering group agenda.</p> <p>The Children's Capital of Culture programme offers an exciting opportunity for the future to build a wide range of activities for children and young people. Plans are in development and this recommendation will ensure that the new programme is delivered across a range of geographical locations, in specialist cultural and leisure venues as well as community settings.</p>		
2.	That Cabinet formally consider its response to the above recommendations by February 2023, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.	Accepted	That Cabinet accept the recommendation from the Spotlight Scrutiny/ OSMB meeting.	Paul Woodcock	February 2023