

Corporate Scrutiny Panel – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018

**6 Cabinet Member Priorities for 2018/19**

Councillor Graham Turner, Corporate Cabinet Portfolio Holder presented a report which outlined Corporate priorities for 2018/19, key highlights of which are noted below:-

- The importance of the cultural offer in driving economic improvement was highlighted.
- A report in relation to the Library Service had been approved by Cabinet on 21 August 2018. A work plan and timeline had been developed and regular meetings were scheduled with the relevant parties.
- An additional £300k funded through the Business Rates Pool was being utilised to develop the district's music offer.
- Corporate Front Door – further work was ongoing to deliver improved customer service.

In response to Member questions, it was noted that:-

- The development of a museum strategy was aligned into longer term strategic work around town centre regeneration.
- Work was currently ongoing with Deloitte as to IT transformation and 'digital by design'. Member engagement, as part of this project was welcomed.
- Given Kirklees' success and experience in providing filming locations, potential income generation opportunities would be considered as part of the Commercialisation Strategy.
- Exciting plans for were in place for developing the district's reputation as a place of world class music and the current diversity of music provision across the district was recognised.
- The 'Corporate Front Door' initiative embraced technological developments, but it was acknowledged that it was important to ensure that people were not left behind and were supported as much as possible.

**RESOLVED** – That the update be noted with thanks to Cllr Turner, Portfolio Lead for Corporate, for attending.