

ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE - 5 JUNE 2018

DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT - CENTURY THEATRE, COALVILLE -
PROPOSED TRANSFER TO LEICESTERSHIRE TRADED SERVICES

The Committee considered a report of the Directors of Adults and Communities and Corporate Resources advising of the work undertaken to explore alternative management options for the Century Theatre in Coalville and to seek approval for its transfer to Leicestershire Traded Services. The report also proposed the de-accession of the Theatre from the Museum Collection, to support its future operation and sustainability as an arts venue and to authorise the Director of Adults and Communities to make disposals from the Museum Collection on behalf of the governing body. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 13' is filed with these minutes.

Arising from the discussion, the following comments were raised:-

- (i) In response to a query as to why the Theatre was not moved around the county, it was stated that the Theatre had come to the end of its life as a travelling theatre. The Theatre provided a valuable heritage asset for the area.
- (ii) The Theatre would continue to be an asset of the County Council but it was recognised that there could be significant maintenance costs going forward. The proposals now put forward were aimed at ensuring that the theatre would break even. The Council had invested £250,000 to improve the area around the theatre and the car park, including a new café, to make it more attractive to visitors. If the theatre did not transfer to Leicestershire Traded Services, it would not be possible for the Adults and Communities department to maintain the Theatre at a loss, but it was hoped that the proposals within the report would be the best way to safeguard its future.

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet be advised that this Committee welcomes and supports the proposals.

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