TO: ECONOMIC OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 20TH JULY 2004

SUBJECT: CULTURAL QUARTER, SPENCER YARD, LEAMINGTON SPA

FROM: STRATEGIC DIRECTOR – CUSTOMER INFORMATION AND ADVICE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the two options shortlisted by the Executive for the future of the Cultural Quarter hub scheme.
- 1.2 To receive information and evidence from interested parties.
- 1.3 To help generate the Committee's views to help with the final analysis of the options.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting in June the Executive decided to shortlist two options for more detailed work. Essentially these options are:
 - a diluted form of the original scheme where the former church is still intended to be used as part of the scheme;
 - a variation where the church is used by a Spa company and the public funds are focused on the remainder of the site.
- 2.2 To assist with consideration of these options the lead project officer, a representative from Regenesis and some of the interested parties have been invited to attend to provide some information on the proposal and to take any questions that may be relevant.
- 2.3 This process should help Councilors form some views or identify issues that they would expect to be dealt with in the final work to be reported in September this year.

3. OUTCOME(S) REQUIRED

3.1 To form some views or identify issues that the Committee would expect to be dealt with in the final work to be reported in September this year.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report to Executive June 2004

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