

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURE

FUTURE DIRECTION FOR CULTURAL SERVICES

Purpose of the Report

1. The draft document 'The Future Direction for Cultural Services 2017-2027', attached as **Appendix 1**, sets out the Council's long term direction of travel for the provision of effective cultural services. Committee is invited to note the proposed document and recommend it to Policy Committee for approval.

Information and Advice

2. 'The Future Direction for Cultural Services 2017-2027' will be used as a key strategic document to:
 - underpin the continuing development of key cultural services such as Libraries, Archives, Arts and Adult Community Learning, Country Parks and the Green Estate and Sports Development
 - emphasise the County Council's continuing commitment to delivering and supporting strong and effective cultural services in Nottinghamshire
 - support efforts to attract investment to the cultural sector in Nottinghamshire
 - further develop joint work with key cultural service partners to maximise the range of cultural opportunities available to local people and visitors.
3. It sets out the long term direction of travel for the Council's cultural offer, with a specific focus in the short and medium term on embedding the new commissioning arrangements and responding to the recently published Government's Culture White Paper and 'Libraries Deliver: Ambition for Public Libraries in England 2016 to 2021'. The document shall provide a high level framework for a number of more detailed service specific plans, which underpin the work of those services that contribute to the delivery of cultural services across Nottinghamshire.
4. This report therefore recommends the document to Policy Committee for approval and that the reporting of progress be made to this Committee annually.

Other Options Considered

5. No other options have been considered.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

6. The Council's current Strategic Plan continues to highlight the importance of a cultural offer. This document provides the framework for this.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

8. The development of 'The Future Direction for Cultural Services 2017-2027' has been delivered within the financial resources available to the Council.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Committee:

- 1) notes the proposed document 'The Future Direction for Cultural Services 2017-2027', attached as **Appendix 1**, and
- 2) recommends the proposed document to Policy Committee for approval.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 12/01/17)

9. Culture Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (TMR 12/01/17)

10. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 8.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Culture White Paper (Department for Culture, Media & Sport, March 2016)

Libraries Deliver: Ambition for Public Libraries in England 2016 to 2021 (Department for Culture, Media & Sport, December 2016)

Review and refresh of the County Council Cultural Strategy for Nottinghamshire – report to Culture Committee on 6 September 2016.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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