

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE CULTURE COMMITTEE

FUTURE DIRECTION FOR CULTURAL SERVICES

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the document 'The Future Direction for Cultural Services 2017-2027', attached as **Appendix 1**, which sets out the Council's long term direction of travel for the provision of effective cultural services. Committee is also asked to agree that progress reports be presented to the Culture Committee annually.

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.

Other Options Considered

4. No other options have been considered.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

5. 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

6. 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

7. 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) approves the document 'The Future Direction for Cultural Services 2017-2027', attached as **Appendix 1**
- 2) agrees that progress reports be presented to the Culture Committee annually.

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Chair of the Culture Committee

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Constitutional Comments (SMG 06/02/17)

8. The proposals set out in this Report fall within the remit of this Committee.

Financial Comments (TMR 30/01/17)

9. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 7 of the report.

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)

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

Future direction for Cultural Services – report to Culture Committee on 24 January 2017.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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