

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURE

UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURE, LEARNING AND LIBRARIES – INSPIRE

Purpose of the Report

1. To update the Committee on the development of Inspire in the delivery of cultural, learning and library services across Nottinghamshire.

Information and Advice

Context

2. Inspire was established as an independent Community Benefit Society in June 2015, and undertook to deliver a range of cultural and learning services on behalf of the County Council from 1st April 2016. The change in operating model was part of the Council's 'Redefining Your Council' strategic vision.
3. There is a contractual arrangement between the Council and Inspire which outlines the scope and range of services to be delivered and the independence of the new organisation. A detailed services specification and performance mechanism has been established and is reviewed and reported on between the Council and Inspire on a monthly basis.
4. Customers and learners have seen no significant change in the level and quality of service delivery.
5. Staff transferred to Inspire on 1st April and are members of the new Society, and have elected a staff member to the Inspire board.
6. Members of the public have been invited to become members of the Society, and will be invited in the autumn to vote for four members to become members of the Inspire board.
7. In addition to the smooth transfer of staff, senior staff of Inspire have established systems and policies in order to enable the new organisation to be financially robust, be compliant with legislation, ensure it is able to meet its contractual agreements and agreed levels of performance.
8. This report and an accompanying presentation by the Chief Executive Officer, Inspire, will inform the Committee of progress since April 2016.

Other Options Considered

9. The report is for noting only.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

10. The report is for noting only.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. 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

12. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the update on the development of Inspire in the delivery of cultural, learning and library services across Nottinghamshire be noted.

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Constitutional Comments

13. As this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments (TMR 08/08/16)

14. As this report is for noting only, no Financial Comments are required.

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.

Launch of Inspire – report to Culture Committee on 19 April 2016.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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