



## Bristol Scrutiny 2015/2016

### Inquiry Day

#### The Case for Culture:

**How can we support Bristol's cultural sector to continue to grow and flourish (TBC)**

**Scrutiny Inquiry Day, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

## 1. Reasons for undertaking the review:

### Background

The proposal for this Scrutiny Inquiry Day arose from the scrutiny work programme setting workshop in June 2015.

The Inquiry will be hosted by the Place Scrutiny Commission.

### The Inquiry Day will explore and identify:

- what Bristol as a city does culturally, how we do it and why we do it
- how successful Bristol is as a cultural entity
- how growth and development can be maintained in the cultural sector
- our local strategy and evaluate its effectiveness
- how other key partners in the cultural sector can be supported
- how effective are other core city's approaches to culture and if/what we can learn from them
- where local investment is best targeted and why
- how and whether a broader range of cultural diversity should and could be encouraged

### Main objectives of the Inquiry Day:

- To evaluate the city's strategic approach to culture
- To understand the city's return on investment into cultural activities
- Provide a clear picture of where investments are best targeted during a time of limited funds

### Key questions that the Inquiry is seeking to answer:

- How can the growth of culture be maintained in Bristol?
- What are the options for ensuring best return on investment?
- Which areas should a refreshed city-wide cultural strategy focus upon?

## 2. Member Involvement

## Members of Place Scrutiny Commission:

- Councillor Charlie Bolton (Chair)
- Councillor Claire Hiscott (Vice Chair)
- Councillor Steve Pearce
- Councillor Craig Cheney
- Councillor Mahmudur Khan
- Councillor Mhairi Threlfall
- Councillor Alastair Watson
- Councillor Jerome Thomas
- Councillor Mark Wright
- Councillor Michael Frost

- *An invitation to the Inquiry Day will be extended to all councillors*
- *Plus all local MPs*

## Key Executive Members

- Mayor
- Councillor Simon Cook, Assistant Mayor for Place

## 3. Officer Support

### Lead Officers

- Lead officer: Laura Pye, Service Manager Culture
- Service Director: Alistair Reed
- Senior Sponsor – Barra Mac Ruairi, Strategic Director Place
- Policy Advisor, Scrutiny: Johanna Holmes

## List of External Speakers and Invitees (TBC)

### External Speakers

- Phil Gibby - Arts Council England - confirmed
- Dick Penny, Watershed - confirmed
- John Hirst, Destination Bristol - confirmed
- Emma Harvey, Trinity Centre – confirmed
- Roger Griffiths, Ujima Radio – confirmed
- Helen Manchester,(University of Bristol - Teenage Kicks) - confirmed
- Helen Legg, Spike Island - confirmed
- Liverpool /or Cardiff City (Core Cities lead on culture) TBC
- Franco Bianchini (Professor of Cultural Policy and Planning at Leeds Beckett University) – TBC
- Nick Garrettt – Head Teacher -TBC

### Internal Speaker/s

- Laura Pye

**Invitees /Guests**

Representatives of a number of local and national organisations will be invited to participate and contribute to the day.

**Chairing Arrangements**

Councillor Charlie Bolton (Chair of Place Scrutiny) will chair the event

**Venue**

M Shed

**Timeframe**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 - 9.30am to 3.10pm

**Decision pathway**

- A report to summarise the key findings will be produced for approval by the Lead Members as soon as possible after the event.
- Full Report to go to Cabinet and /or Full Council as is appropriate

**4. Costs****Specific costs Identified;**

- Refreshments
- Expenses of guest speaker(s)
- Printing costs

Agreed/sponsored by Strategic Director/Service Director (including any comments)

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