

Report title: **Bristol Harbour Festival Tender 2017- 2020/22**

**Wards affected:** All

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**RECOMMENDATION for the Mayor’s approval:**

- To go out to tender for Bristol Harbour Festival 2017-2020 with the option to extend by +2 years (max 6 year contract to 2022)

**Key background / detail:**

a. Purpose of report: Bristol Harbour Festival, the city’s flagship free family event and cultural celebration is delivered by an external contractor on behalf of Bristol City Council. The contract ends in 2016, to enable the event to continue a new contract needs to be tendered for.

b. Key details:

1. A Key Decision as the contract for 4 (+2) years would be over £500,000
2. Event attracts over 250,000 people from across Bristol to the city centre and harbourside and bringing in over 12 million in inward investment
3. A contractor is required to deliver a safe and successful event and retain the festival’s artistic and cultural content.