

Cabinet

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Report Title: Report of the Scrutiny Inquiry day: The Case for Culture: How can we support Bristol's cultural sector to continue to grow and flourish?

Ward: All

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Purpose of the report:

That Cabinet accepts the recommendations from the Scrutiny Culture Inquiry Day that took place on 10th December, 2015

Recommendation for the Mayor's approval:

1. That the Mayor accepts and comments on the recommendations arising from the Scrutiny Inquiry Day (report and recommendations attached).



The proposal:

1. The Place Scrutiny Commission held an Inquiry Day on 10th December 2015: The Case for Culture: How can we support Bristol's cultural sector to continue to grow and flourish? The event was chaired by Councillor Bolton.
2. The Inquiry Day primarily focused on two key questions:
 - How can we support Bristol's cultural sector to continue to grow and flourish?
 - Which areas should a refreshed city-wide cultural strategy focus upon?
3. Attached is the report from the Scrutiny Inquiry Day. Attention is drawn to the recommendations on page six of the report.
4. The recommendations were agreed by the Place Scrutiny Commission on 17th March 2016. The Commission has requested that the recommendations be referred to a meeting of the Cabinet in June for approval and Full Council in July for information and discussion.
5. Officers have suggested that if the Mayor accepts the recommendations from the Inquiry Day, an action plan for implementation be prepared to enable progress to be monitored.

Consultation and scrutiny input:

The Place Scrutiny Commission held the Inquiry Day in December 2015 and has requested that the report be referred to the Mayor at a meeting of the Cabinet.

a. Internal consultation:

The scrutiny Inquiry Day was an inclusive event involving councillors and a range of key stakeholders both from and external to Bristol. The recommendations set out in the report have been developed from the input of these stakeholders.

b. External consultation:

As above

Other options considered:

N/A

Risk management / assessment:

N/A

Public sector equality duties:

Before making a decision, section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following "protected characteristics": age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:

i) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.

ii) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to:

- remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic.

- take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
- encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
- iii) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

Not Applicable - at this stage, but a full EQIA will be carried out as appropriate at the suitable juncture.

Eco impact assessment

N/A

Resource and legal implications:

N/A

Finance

N/A

a. Financial (revenue) implications:

N/A

b. Financial (capital) implications:

N/A

Comments from the Corporate Capital Programme Board:

N/A

c. Legal implications:

N/A

d. Land / property implications:

N/A

e. Human resources implications:

N/A

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Commission Report - The Case for Culture: How can we support Bristol's cultural sector to continue to grow and flourish?

Access to information (background papers):

Web-link to the Place Scrutiny Commission meeting 17th March 2016 – where the report and recommendations were agreed:

https://www2.bristol.gov.uk/committee/2016/sc/sc048/0317_mins.pdf