

Report title: Support for capital development of Culture venues, with particular focus on Colston Hall

Wards affected: Cabot / citywide

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RECOMMENDATION for the Mayor’s approval:

- 1. To provide the financial support for the delivery of the further capital projects at both Bristol Old Vic and St George’s, in accordance with the terms set out at Appendix 1.**
- 2. To approve a deed of variation to the out of date Service Level Agreement between Bristol City Council and Bristol Music Trust in order to reflect revised arrangements.**
- 3. To authorise a £1.6m investment in Colston Hall Phase II to commission the original design team to prepare, submit and progress a detailed planning application.**
- 4. A further report will be presented to Cabinet no later than May 2017 (including a full business case) identifying what additional Council investment in the project might be required if the project is to progress.**

Key background / detail:

The report seeks approval to continue to support the Bristol Old Vic, St George’s and Colston Hall Phase II capital projects and create a city with world class cultural venues.

The redevelopment of Colston Hall, Bristol’s largest concert hall aims to transform the Hall into a resilient fit for purpose music venue for the 21st Century and enhance the Cultural offer of the City. As freeholder of the building, the Council will lead and be responsible for delivering Colston Hall Phase II.

The report specifically seeks approval for a £1.6m investment in the Colston Hall Phase II to progress design work to enable a detailed planning application to be submitted.