

Full Council

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Report of: The Place Scrutiny Commission on the Inquiry Day held December 2015

Title: The Case for Culture: How can we support Bristol's cultural sector to continue to grow and flourish?

Ward: Citywide

Presenting Report: Councillor Charlie Bolton

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Recommendation:

This scrutiny inquiry day report and recommendations are for members information and debate.

This report was presented to Cabinet on the 7th June. Cabinet's decisions are detailed below in point 4.

Members are invited to comment on the key recommendations and Cabinet decisions

Summary:

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.

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?

The significant issues in the report are:

Attached is the full report from the Scrutiny Inquiry Day. Attention is drawn to the recommendations on page six of the report.



Consultation

1. Internal

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.

2. External

As above

3. Context

The recommendations in the report were agreed by the Place Scrutiny Commission on 17th March 2016. The Commission then 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. The Inquiry Day and Cabinet meeting occurred prior to the EU Referendum on 23rd June, the outcome of which necessitates an appraisal of the proposition to bid for the European Capital of Culture.

4. Proposal

Members are invited to comment on the key recommendations contained within the report (page 6) and subsequent Cabinet decisions from the 7th June which are as follows:

Decision taken by the Mayor

- The report be referred to Full Council for information and debate
- That work begins on the revamping of the council's Cultural Strategy for the city
- That Cllr Tincknell Deputy Mayor (with special responsibility for Democracy, Culture, Policy, Strategy & Communications, International) be asked to form a steering group to start the development of a revamped strategy
- This emergent steering group be asked to review the report and consider the suggestions for the key themes that the cultural strategy must cover.
- Progress on the revamped Cultural Strategy be reported back to Place Scrutiny Commission so they can monitor progress.

Public Sector Equality Duties

- 8a) Before making a decision, section 149 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 who 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.

8b) Not Applicable - at this stage, but a full EQIA will be carried out as appropriate at the suitable juncture.

Legal and Resource Implications

Legal

N/A

Financial

(a) Revenue

N/A

Land`

N/A

Personnel

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?

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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

- Web-link to the Cabinet meeting 9th June where the report was referred for Mayoral approval

<https://democracy.bristol.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=135&MId=1915>