Question: CQ10.01

Cabinet - 22 June 2021

Re: Agenda item 10 - Extension of The Cultural Investment Programme

Question submitted by: Councillor Marley Bennett

Can the Mayor or Cabinet Member say whether there has been any increase in funding to assist with Post-Covid re-opening in the cultural sector, bearing in mind the recent extension of restrictions?

Answer:

- There has been no increase in funding from Government.
- The support that the council has enabled is:
 - The Mayor has appointed a new Night Time Economy Advisor to support the city's entertainment and hospitality sector, and advise on how we work towards recovery which includes some aspects of the cultural sector.
 - Ongoing support in the form of advice and signposting to other funding and resources from Culture and Creative Industries officers.
 - BCC contribution to YTKO business support offered through Economy Development throughout the pandemic which has included cultural organisations and SMEs / small businesses.
- Two rounds of DCMS culture recovery funding has either been allocated or is in the process of being allocated via Arts Council England supporting 45 Bristol businesses and organisations to help them transition back to a viable and sustainable operating model.