

**Cabinet Member Response to the Recommendations of the Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee following its review of Culture: What it is, Impact in terms of Place / Economy and Engaging with Young People and Cultural Strategy Refresh Report on 6 February 2024**

At its meeting on 6 February 2024, the committee considered a report on Culture Review: What it is, Impact in terms of Place / Economy and Engaging with Young People and Cultural Strategy Refresh. Several recommendations were made by the committee and shared with the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cultural Services.

A written response to the recommendations of the committee has now been provided by the Cabinet Member.

The recommendations of the committee are detailed below and the response from the Cabinet Member is also provided.

**Culture Review: What it is, Impact in terms of Place / Economy and Engaging with Young People and Cultural Strategy Refresh Report**

**Resolved:** That the following recommendations be shared with the Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services and where possible, be used to inform the draft Cultural Services Strategy for 2024 - 2028:

- i. **Consideration be given to how the county council can further support, grow, and work with our National Portfolio Organisation holders that exist in Lancashire, to attract even more funding including a breakdown of the rubric contained in the ACE Create IT Strategy Document.**

The Arts Council Strategy is called Let's Create rather than Create IT. In the draft Cultural Services Strategy for 2024 – 2028, we will consider how we work with arts organisations and support Arts Lancashire to create training and better understanding of ACE's investment principles (Ambition & Quality, Dynamism, Environmental Responsibility and Inclusivity & Relevance) and outcomes (Creative People, Cultural Communities, and A Creative & Cultural Country).

- ii. **A piece of work to take place to understand the footprint of where NPO organisations are located within Lancashire and whether they are eligible for National Lottery Heritage Funding, National Lottery Community Funds and Sports England at a district level.**

We will create a list of key cultural venues and organisations. This list will be broken down by district and will also include the two neighbouring unitary areas of Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen.

Each funding body and each funding programme has its own specific criteria and so it would be for each individual organisation to consider whether they are eligible during the assessment process.

**iii. Examination of individual District Local Plans / Core Strategy documents produced by districts to better understand their cultural strategies.**

We will contact all districts and unitaries for their cultural strategies and local plans. We will identify where the synergies between these strategies lie.

We will continue to work with the Culture and Physical Activity Network and ensure our work can connect with district authorities.

We will progress the work started through the L2050 Communities and Place theme group to position culture and sport at the heart of this work.

**iv. Information to be provided on the role of advocacy organisations the county council works with such as Arts Lancashire, Digital Lancashire, Lancashire Cultural Network and Visit Lancashire.**

We have created a summary of the advocacy organisations and their role in supporting culture in Lancashire.

**v. Development of a Directory of Festivals in Lancashire to be considered and regard be given to how significant events and festivals are shared wider in Lancashire. Consideration be given to a package of support to be provided for events where sponsorship can be leveraged in.**

This would be better addressed by Marketing Lancashire.

We can provide a list of Festivals supported through Lancashire Culture & Sport Fund.

**vi. Consideration be given to the role of culture as part of the Corporate Cohesion Strategy and Workforce Equalities Strategy update which is due to be presented to the committee in May 24.**

We will liaise with Democratic Services to action this (this request has been actioned).

**vii. Refer the report provided to the committee to Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny Committee for them to review the report in terms of the updates provided on Education and Skills.**

We will liaise with Democratic Services to action this (this request has been actioned).

**viii. Officers to revisit a series of reports produced and commissioned since 2012 including The Work Foundation on The Creative Economy in**

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We will reflect on these strategies to see if there is anything new to be considered by the Cultural Services strategy. A full list of applicable strategies to be provided in a bibliography.

- ix. A further report to come back to the committee in November 2024 to update the committee on how work is progressing.**

A report in on how the strategy is being actioned will be brought to Scrutiny in November 2024.