

**Report to the Cabinet**

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 11 July 2024

**Report of the Director of Education, Culture and Skills**

**Part I**

Electoral Division affected:  
(All Divisions);

**Corporate Priorities:**  
Delivering better services;  
Caring for the vulnerable;  
Supporting economic growth;  
Protecting our environment;

**Cultural Services Strategy 2024-2028**

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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**Brief Summary**

This report sets out the revised Cultural Services Strategy for 2024-2028. A copy of the revised strategy is set out at Appendix 'A'.

**Recommendation**

Cabinet is asked to approve the Cultural Services Strategy 2024-2028 as set out at Appendix 'A'.

**Detail**

The existing Cultural Services Strategy runs from 2019 to 2024. During the period covered by the last strategy there have been some considerable successes delivering benefit where it was most needed and bringing in external funding to enable more opportunities for people across Lancashire to engage in culture and improve their wellbeing. These experiences informed by our communities and our corporate priorities have enabled the county council to identify the goals for Cultural Services for the next 4 years. The service has also expanded with the addition of Lancashire Outdoor Education and Lancashire Music Service.



Through the new strategy, Lancashire County Council is setting out a vision for how Cultural Services will work with partners to achieve better outcomes for the people of Lancashire. The strategy recognises the role that Cultural Services have in supporting health and wellbeing, learning and development, the local economy, supporting our residents at all stages of their lives, and the vibrancy of our communities and places.

Lancashire County Council Cultural Services is comprised of 64 libraries, prison library service, mobile libraries, home library service, museum service, conservation and collections, archives and local history, music service, heritage learning, outdoor education, cultural development, school library service, information development, resources, and support teams. The strategy will provide direction and steer for all our services across the next 4 years.

## Approach

The development of the new strategy has been informed by:

- Colleagues from teams across Cultural Services have been consulted and have reflected on the previous strategy looking at how those priorities sit now and for the next 4 years. They considered what was missing and what they would want to see included within the next strategy.
- Senior colleagues from Cultural Services have also been consulted on what common strategic priorities teams across Cultural Services are working to address.
- A review of corporate strategies and key documents from national and regional strategic bodies such as Libraries Connected and Arts Council England.
- Consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services.
- Draft strategy presented to the Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee in February 2024 and their comments have been incorporated within the strategy.
- Draft strategy will be considered by the Cabinet in July 2024.

## Appendices

Appendix 'A' is attached to this report. For clarification it is summarised below and referenced at relevant points within this report.

Appendix	Title
Appendix 'A'	Draft Strategy for Cultural Services 2024-2028

## Consultations

The draft strategy has previously been considered by the Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee in February 2024.



**Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

**Legal**

There are no legal implications within this report.

**Financial**

There are no financial implications within this report.

**Risk management**

No significant risk management implications have been identified.

**List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		

