

# Culture and Communities Committee

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## Invitation to Shanghai

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### Executive summary

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This report provides details of an invitation received by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee from cultural production company AEMI to attend the official pre-launch of a new festival in Shanghai which will feature productions from Edinburgh. The pre-launch will take place on 15 September 2017, and the festival will take place in June 2018. The report seeks the Committee's approval to accept the invitation.

## Invitation to Shanghai

### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 The Committee is asked to note the action taken by the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive, in approving attendance by Councillor Wilson, Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee, at the official pre-launch of a new festival in Shanghai which will feature productions from Edinburgh from cultural production company AEMI. This is under the urgency provisions set out at paragraph 4.1 of the Committee Terms of Reference.

### 2. Background

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- 2.1 Production company, AEMI, draws performances from China to Edinburgh during the Festival period and promotes connections between producers and artists in Edinburgh and China. Working with the Edinburgh Magic Festival, AEMI will co-produce a new festival in Shanghai in June 2018, which will showcase productions from Edinburgh.

### 3. Main report

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- 3.1 An invitation has been received from the cultural production company AEMI requesting that the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee attend the pre-launch of a new festival in Shanghai which will showcase cultural productions from Edinburgh. The pre-launch event will take place in Shanghai on 15 September 2017. The visit and programme will be arranged by AEMI.
- 3.2 AEMI produces a range of Chinese cultural activities and productions during the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and will build on these connections to present them in Shanghai.

### 4. Measures of success

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- 4.1 A feedback report will be provided on the visit in accordance with Council procedures.

## **5. Financial impact**

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5.1 The visit will be fully funded by AEMI.

## **6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact**

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6.1 The actions and outputs described in this report adhere to the risk compliance policy and governance arrangements. In addition, the recommendations in the report do not impact on any existing policies of the Council.

## **7. Equalities Impact**

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7.1 There are no equalities impacts arising from the above activities.

## **8. Sustainability impact**

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8.1 Travel arrangements will be made by AEMI and will be in accordance with the Council's Sustainable Travel Plan. While there are adverse impacts on air quality and noise associated with air travel, overland travel is not considered to be practical given the time implications.

## **9. Consultation and engagement**

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9.1 There is ongoing consultation with Festivals Edinburgh.

## **10. Background reading / external references**

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10.1 Invitation from AEMI.

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## **11. Appendices**

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