

Culture and Sport Committee

10.00 am, Monday, 30 November 2015

Present

Councillors Lewis (Convener), Austin Hart (Vice-Convener), Booth, Cardownie, Cairns, Donaldson, Doran, Gardner, Milligan, Munro, Ritchie (substituting for Councillor Fullerton) and Shields.

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Culture and Sport Committee of 20 October 2015 as a correct record.

(Reference –Minute, 20 October 2015, submitted)

2. Business Bulletin

The Culture and Sport Committee Business Bulletin for 30 November 2015 was presented.

Decision

To note the information set out in the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, 30 November 2015, submitted)

3. Key Decisions Forward Plan

The Culture and Sport Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan for 30 November 2015 – 8 March 2016 was presented.

Decision

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan for 30 November 2015 – 8 March 2016.

(Reference – Key Decisions Forward Plan 30 November 2015 – 8 March 2016, submitted.)

4. Rolling Actions Log

The Culture and Sport Committee Rolling Actions Log for the period 20 August 2013 to 30 November 2015 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To agree to close items 1 and 5 of the Rolling Actions Log.
- 2) To note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Culture and Sport Committee Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

5. Committee Decisions - October 2014 - October 2015

On 19 June 2014, the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee agreed increased monitoring for the dissemination and implementation of committee decisions. It was agreed that a report outlining all decisions taken in the previous year with an update on the implementation of decisions and recommendations to discharge actions would be presented to Executive Committees annually.

An update was provided on decisions taken by the Culture and Sport Committee, not included on the Rolling Actions Log, for an initial period covering October 2014 to October 2015.

Decision

- 1) To note the position on the implementation of Culture and Sport Committee decisions as detailed in the appendix to the report.
- 2) To note that an annual summary report would be presented to Committee in 12 months time.

(References – minute of the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee 19 June 2014 (item 9); report by the Deputy Chief Executive, submitted.)

6. Outcome of the Cultural Policy Review: Culture Plan

The Convener welcomed Donald Smith, Director of the Storytelling Centre, to the meeting. Mr Smith provided an overview of the updated Culture Plan.

The Committee considered the Culture Plan which was a working document, continually updated and available to view in full online. Approval was sought for the Councils representation on the Culture Task Group, created as part of the Culture Plan for an initial period of a year.

Decision

- 1) To note that the three-year process to review the 1999 Cultural Policy has concluded, and once again, to thank all those individuals and groups who took part in the review, particularly the members of the Desire Lines Steering Group.
- 2) To note that the original policy objectives of the 1999 Cultural Policy and the five 'Desire Lines' developed in the last consultation phase, were integrated in a single set of objectives within the Culture Plan;
- 3) To approve the replacement of the Cultural Policy with a new Culture Plan, the core of which was appended to the report in a first indicative edition.
- 4) To note that the format and content of the Culture Plan has been devised to respond directly to the key finding of the consultation process, namely that any new Plan should be concise and actions-based.
- 5) To note that the full content of the Culture Plan would be available from early 2016 in a purpose-designed website, which would be updated on a continuous basis, and will act as a single point of contact for information about Council services which support cultural activity and creative industries in the city.

- 6) To approve the replacement of the dormant Cultural Partnership by the creation of a citywide Culture Task Group, to be set up and managed in partnership by the Desire Lines Steering Group and the Council, for a year in the first instance.
- 7) To approve the proposed Council representation on the Task Group as listed in appendix two, and to note that any action required by the Council emerging from the Task Group's discussions will be reported to the appropriate committees for approval.
- 8) To note that the success of the new Culture Plan model will be reviewed and reported annually to the Culture and Sport Committee.

(References – Culture and Sport Committee 26 May 2015 (item 5); report by the Director of City Strategy and Economy, submitted)

7. Museums and Galleries Update

Details were provided on the income maximisation of Edinburgh's Museums and Galleries as well as development of new income streams.

Data from the 2013/14 Local Government Benchmarking Framework showed that in Edinburgh, the cost per museum visit was lower and satisfaction higher than any other major Scottish city authority over the same period.

Decision

- 1) To note that the Museums and Galleries service continued to deliver a high quality customer service and maximise income.
- 2) To welcome the progress made on the Calton Hill project, for which an additional £2.4m of external funding has been secured in autumn 2015.
- 3) To request the Director of Culture to investigate the return of the Emperor's Warriors exhibition to Edinburgh through the twin city link with Xi'an, China.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee, 13 May 2015 (item 13); report by the Executive Director of City Strategy and Economy, submitted)

8. Update on Edinburgh's Physical Activity and Sports Strategy

The Committee considered an update in the work to date on Edinburgh's Physical Activity and Sport Strategy which aimed to make being active is a part of everybody's way of life.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress towards the five key outcomes of the Physical Activity and Sport Strategy.
- 2) To note the key role played by Edinburgh Leisure in achieving the outcomes identified by the Strategy.

(References – Culture and Sport Committee, 11 March 2014 (item 5); report by the Deputy Chief Executive, submitted)

9. Summer Festivals 2015

Highlights of the eight summer Festivals were provided which included the overall increased attendances since 2012. The work by Festivals Edinburgh over the summer festival period, following the launch of *Thundering Hooves 2.0: A Ten Year Strategy to Sustain the Success of Edinburgh's Festivals* was also detailed.

Decision

- 1) To welcome the artistic success and continuing development of the city's summer Festivals.
- 2) To record the Committee's thanks and appreciation to the Festival Organisers for their work in achieving excellent performance outcomes over the year and continued development of the city's summer festivals.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of City Strategy and Economy, submitted.)

10. Festival and Events Core Programme 2016 and Some Events in 2017 and 2018 – Referral from the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 3 November 2015 considered a report on the Committee's strategic oversight of the proposed core programme of Festivals and events for 2016 and some planned events for 2017 and 2018. The report was referred to the Culture and Sport Committee for approval.

Decision

To approve the report.

Declaration of Interests

Councillors Booth, Cairns, Doran and Lewis declared a non-financial interest in the above item as Directors of Edinburgh Leisure.

(References – Culture and Sport Committee 18 August 2015 (item 10); report by the Executive Director of City Strategy and Economy, submitted.)