

TOURISM, EQUALITIES, COMMUNITIES & CULTURE COMMITTEE ADDENDUM 2

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1. **Support for Cultural Sector** – Councillor Rainey and Councillor Ebel
2. **Support for City's Charity Sector** – Councillor Powell and Councillor Ebel

NOTICE OF MOTION

GREEN GROUP

SUPPORT FOR THE CITY'S CREATIVE AND CULTURAL SECTOR

This committee requests:

1. that a report is brought to a future meeting of this committee exploring how the creative sector including artists, designers, performers, musicians, music venues, cinemas, theatres, museums, galleries, community projects and other creative organisations and individuals in the city are responding to the Covid-19 crisis; and how they can best be supported in the long term.
2. Such a report should include:
 - details of how to effectively co-ordinate a collective, sector-led response to relaunching cultural activity during and after the Covid-19 crisis, such as through greater publicity and signposting to available funding opportunities, and pooling of resources, taking into account that lockdown and alert phases may alter;
 - details of possible direct council support, given relevant funding pressures, such as supporting existing collectives, signposting to assistance with funding and grant applications, and prioritisation of use of the city's outdoor spaces for local grassroots cultural events;
 - exploring the possibility of enabling the creative sector to collaborate with other sectors in the city, for example through facilitating offers of pro-bono legal and human resources assistance, training and recovery planning, and building on existing collaboration.
3. That the committee also requests that officers and councillors explore how Brighton and Hove can work with, and benefit from, the new national 'Cultural Renewal Taskforce'.

Proposed by Cllr Rainey

Seconded by Cllr Ebel

Organisations and individuals working in the creative sector in the city need a long term support strategy if they are to remain viable and continue to contribute to the city after the current crisis. Examples are available eg in the West Midlands, where a West Midlands Culture Response Unit has been created to ensure the visibility, viability and recovery of the cultural sector there. In Brighton and Hove organisations such as ACIC, Culture in our City, What Next and Brighton & Hove's Arts Council National Portfolio Organisation are already working with the council to support the cultural sector during the current crisis. While there has been a great response to the crisis so far, this work needs to be developed further and to continue into the long term, as well as being more widely publicised to reach everyone affected and more strongly supported by the council.

NOTICE OF MOTION

GREEN GROUP

CHARITY SECTOR AND SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEERING

1. This committee requests that a report is brought to a future committee and is commissioned to explore:

- How the city council can offer enhanced support for the charity and voluntary organisations in the city, either through 'in-kind' support, pooling resources where appropriate, signposting, access to funding or greater partnership opportunities, in order to ensure their continued sustainability throughout the covid-19 crisis and beyond.

- That such a report includes detail on how the council can establish an appropriate, sector-led 'warning system' of charities and voluntary groups in the city who are in need of urgent support for their service users.

- Consideration of any emergency funding options available.

2. And that further to the work of charities and volunteer groups, to support the city to respond to the Covid-19 crisis, that committee agrees:

To explore how, in partnership with local businesses, how the city council can support, reward and recognise the role of volunteers in the city, including through promoting best practice in 'volunteering leave,' and other measures, in liaison with local councils for voluntary service and representative bodies.

Proposed by Cllr Powell Seconded by Cllr Ebel

A loss of charity organisations in the city at short notice would have a both a detrimental and devastating impact on service users and vulnerable people. Given the likelihood of a recession it is imperative that the council considers now how to ensure continued positive partnership working. Council must have a clear understanding of the challenges the sector is currently facing.

Committee notes the excellent work of the council's Third Sector team, and also considers the additional resources they will need to support any enhanced sector work.

Committee also notes the volunteering leave policy of BHCC and other organisations in the city, such as the Mutual Aid groups.

