

Subject: **Scrutiny Panel report on Cultural provision for Children and Young People**

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Report of: **Strategic Director of Resources**

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 In October 2009 the Culture, Tourism & Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee (CTEOSC) established an ad-hoc Scrutiny Panel to look at the cultural provision for children and young people in the city.
- 1.2 The Scrutiny Panel members were: Cllr Melanie Davis (Chair), Cllr Rachel Fryer, and Cllr Carol Theobald.
- 1.3 The Scrutiny Panel report is included as **Appendix 1** to this report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That members endorse the Scrutiny Panel report on Cultural Provision for Children and Young People.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Panel held three half day hearings and one Round Table meeting between March 2010 and June 2010. They heard from a range of organisations and practitioners in the city.
- 3.2 One of the key messages of the report is that whilst there are many things the city does well, it appears that it is often the same schools and the same young people who are accessing these events. The

recommendations in the report aim to widen access by providing more information and more ways of receiving information for more children and young people. A more coherent approach to helping *all* children and young people to engage in arts and cultural activities across the city is required. In addition, work with venues in the city will enhance the experiences of children and young people by enabling them to perform in suitable and professional places.

3.3 The full report and recommendations are attached as **Appendix 1**.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 A draft version of the report has been circulated to various witnesses and officers.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

5.1 There are none directly for the CTEOSC.

Legal Implications:

5.2 There are none directly for the CTEOSC.

Equalities Implications:

5.3 Equalities are addressed within the body of the Scrutiny Panel report. (see Appendix 1).

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 None directly for the CTEOSC.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 None directly for the CTEOSC.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None directly for the CTEOSC.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 None directly for the CTEOSC.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Scrutiny Panel report on Cultural Provision for children and young people.

Documents in Members' Rooms:

1. Volume 2 – minutes and evidence

Background Documents:

1. None.

