

Culture and Communities Committee

10.00am, Tuesday 13 November 2018

Present

Councillors Wilson (Convener), McNeese-Mechan (Vice-Convener), Brown, Ian Campbell, Doran, Duggart, Key (substituting for Councillor Howie), Mitchell, Osler, Rae and Staniforth.

1. Minutes

Decision

- 1) To approve the minute of the Culture and Communities Committee of 11 September 2018 as a correct record.
- 2) To approve the minute of the Culture and Communities Committee of 11 October 2018 as a correct record.

2. Work Programme

The Culture and Communities Committee Work Programme was presented.

Decision

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted.)

3. Rolling Actions Log

The Culture and Communities Committee Rolling Actions Log was presented.

Decision

- 1) To approve the closure of Items 1, 5 and 14.
- 2) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

4. Business Bulletin

The Culture and Communities Committee Business Bulletin was presented.

Decision

To note the information set out in the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Culture and Communities Committee Business Bulletin, submitted.)

5. Underbelly Ltd – Presentation

Charlie Wood and Ed Bartland provided an overview of the 2017 Christmas activities undertaken and plans for 2018 on behalf of Underbelly Ltd. Key statistics on the number of visitors attending and the profile of attendees were provided.

Decision

To thank Charlie Wood and Ed Bartland for their presentation.

6. Third Party Cultural Grants Funding – Review Update

An update was provided on the review of the cultural funding framework, along with recommendations that the review of the Third Party Cultural Grants Review be progressed to conclusion.

The report recommended a proposed timeline to introduce the outcomes of the review, an interim essential communications programme, and a final report in March 2019 with the Cultural Grants Recommendations report for 2019/20.

Decision

- 1) To approve the continuation for one year (2019/20) of the existing third party cultural grant funding arrangements, aligned with the conclusion of the agreed grant budget savings programme of 10% over four years, 2019/20 representing the fourth and final year of 1%.
- 2) To approve the Council's third party cultural grants review programme described in the report recommending the introduction of the Strategic Partners Funding Programme linked to the funding bands protocol, and a new Flexible Fund (previously referred to as an Open Fund) in due course.
- 3) To note the further consultation and Reference Group meetings which had informed the next steps. The Groups were made up of representatives of both funded and unfunded organisations and individuals.
- 4) To approve the timeline of the introduction of the renewed funding programme in financial year 2020/21, with new application, assessment and funding recommendation processes commencing in October 2019.
- 5) To approve the proposal to review the Strategic Partners Programme during the first three years of implementation with a view to developing opportunities to introduce new Partners for the next funding period.

- 6) To approve the recommendation to seek to mitigate the impacts of change in the first year on currently revenue funded organisations not invited to be Strategic Partners going forward through the Flexible Fund.
- 7) To approve the establishment of new funding assessment panels made up of both Council and external individuals to review submissions and provide recommended recipients to Committee.
- 8) To instruct Officers to provide a final Review report in March 2019.

Declaration of Interests

Councillors McNeese-Mechan, Mitchell and Wilson declared non-financial interests in this item as board members of Capital Theatres Trust.

Councillors Ian Campbell, McNeese-Mechan and Wilson declared non-financial interests in this item as Directors of Edinburgh International Jazz and Blues Festival and Edinburgh Science Festival.

Councillors McNeese-Mechan and Wilson declared non-financial interests in this item as Directors of Edinburgh International Festival.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee, 14 November 2017 (item 12); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

7. King's Theatre Capital Redevelopment Update Report

On 22 February 2018 the Council had agreed to Theatre upgrade capital funding of £4m towards the refurbishment project, and also agreed up to £5m in Prudential Borrowing.

An update was provided to the Committee on the King's Theatre Capital Redevelopment Project.

Decision

- 1) To note the update.
- 2) To instruct the Executive Director of Place to prepare annual update reports.
- 3) To note that any interim updates would be included in the Business Bulletin.
- 4) To refer the report to the Finance and Resources Committee as agreed at the Finance and Resources Committee meeting on 12 June 2018.

Declaration of Interests

Councillors McNeese-Mechan, Mitchell and Wilson declared non-financial interests in this item as board members of Capital Theatres Trust.

(References – Act of Council No. 3 of 22 February 2018; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

8. Managing Our Festival City

The issues of public concern which were raised during the summer festival 2018 were set out and changes were proposed for future years.

Decision

To refer the matter to Council for decision.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee, 30 January 2018 (item 7); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

9. Capital Theatres Company Performance Report 2017/18

The fifth annual performance report prepared as a requirement of the Services and Funding Agreement process adopted in 2013/14 was presented.

Festival City Theatres Trust had been renamed and branded as Capital Theatres (CT), and was responsible for the programming and management of both the King's and Festival Theatres, and the Studio at the Festival Theatre.

Decision

- 1) To note the positive performance of Capital Theatres during 2017/18.
- 2) To refer this report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee.

Declaration of Interests

Councillors McNeese-Mechan, Mitchell and Wilson declared non-financial interests in this item as board members of Capital Theatres Trust.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee, 14 November 2017 (item 8); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

10. CCTV Working Group Update

An update was provided on the CCTV Working Group, which had been formed following approval by Committee in January 2018 and tasked with the development a strategy for the upgrade and integration of CCTV services in Edinburgh.

Decision

- 1) To approve the update of the multi-agency CCTV Working Group for the upgrade and integration of CCTV services in Edinburgh.
- 2) To request an update on the CCTV Working Group progress in six months' time.
- 3) To approve the upgrade of the Video Management System in line with European Regional Development Fund guidance.
- 4) To approve the changes to the subgroup structure.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee, 30 January 2018 (item 9); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

11. Partnership Agreement with Police Scotland 2018/19: Performance and Activity Report

In June 2018 the Culture and Communities Committee agreed a refreshed Partnership Agreement between the City of Edinburgh Council and the Edinburgh Division of Police Scotland in respect of community policing, and requested a detailed qualitative and quantitative progress report from the Edinburgh Divisional Commander from Police Scotland on a quarterly basis.

The Performance and Activity report for the period from 1 April to 30 September 2018 was presented by Police Scotland.

Decision

To note the detailed qualitative and quantitative progress report from the Edinburgh Divisional Commander from Police Scotland covering the period 1 April – 30 September.

(Reference – Culture and Communities Committee, 19 June 2018 (item 19); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

12. Recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 16 August 2018 and Response to a Complaints Review Committee Outcome

Recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee held on 16 August 2018 on a complaint against the social work service within Health and Social Care, and actions taken by Health and Social Care in response, were detailed.

Decision

- 1) To note the recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee.
- 2) To note the actions taken in relation to the decisions of the Complaints Review Committee on 16 August 2018.

(References – report by the Chair of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee, submitted; report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership, submitted.)

13. Emergency Motion by Councillor McNeese-Mechan on Fair Saturday

The following adjusted emergency motion by Councillor McNeese-Mechan was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16.2.

“Committee

- 1) Notes that Fair Saturday, a global cultural project with a social impact, will be celebrated in 2018 by a growing number of cities worldwide

- 2) Notes that City of Edinburgh Council is one of Fair Saturday Foundation's main partners to develop St Andrew's Fair Saturday, which is Scotland's contribution to the Fair Saturday movement
- 3) Recognises that Edinburgh St Andrew's Fair Saturday, a day devoted to culture, social causes and celebrating St Andrew's Day, will take place on Saturday 1 December 2018
- 4) Encourages members of the City of Edinburgh Council to support this project and take part in one of the events planned across Scotland to celebrate Scotland's culture and spirit <https://standrews.fairsaturday.org/>"

Decision

To approve the emergency motion by Councillor McNeese-Mechan, as adjusted.