

Title of meeting:	Culture Leisure & Sport Briefing meeting
Subject:	Literature Development Strategy
Date of meeting:	29 June 2012
Report by:	Head of Cultural Services
Wards affected:	All wards

1. Requested by

Cllr Hunt, Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport

2. Purpose

This report seeks the endorsement of the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport for the Literature Development Strategy. It makes recommendations that will provide a framework for literature in the city over the next four years.

3. Information requested

3.1 Background

While the city's literary heritage has always played an important part in Portsmouth's cultural profile, there has never been a specific Literature Development Strategy to support and guide any work undertaken. With the appointment of a Literature Development Officer in 2010 it was agreed that a strategy be produced that provided a framework for literature in the city over the five year period of 2011-2016. The success of the Dickens 2012 campaign has shown the potential for a strong literature focus as part of Portsmouth's cultural strategy.

3.2 Consultation

A number of internal and external partners were consulted during the preparation of the Literature Development Strategy and subsequent to the previous report in September 2011. These include but are not limited to those listed in Appendix B.

3.3 Ongoing

The strategy was originally submitted without the Action Plan, which is now attached to the end of the document in Appendix A. Separate reports for relevant

actions with budgetary requirements will be produced and brought forward as and when applicable.

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Signed by (Head of Service):

Appendices:

Appendix A:

Portsmouth, Home of Great Writing – Literature Development Strategy 2011-2016
(Attachment)

Appendix B:

Internal and External Consultation

Portsmouth City Council

Head of Cultural Services
Arts & Cultural Development Manager
Senior Arts Officer
Arts Development Officer
Doyle Outreach Officer

Library Services Manager
Learning and Engagement Manager
School Library Service Manager
Reader Development Librarian

Museums & Records Service Manager
Learning and Access Manager
Policy and Planning, and Collections Manager
Museums Collections Manager

Tourism and Visitor Information Service Manager

Portsmouth University:

Director of the Centre for Studies in Literature
Deputy Director of the Centre for Studies in Literature
Senior Lecturer + Course Leader - Creative Writing
Dickens Fellowship
Senior Lecturer in Translation Theory

Creative Manager, CIBAS

Arts Council England (Relationship Manager Literature SE, Relationship Manager Regional Planning SE)

New Writing South (Director; Creative Learning Manager)

Hampshire County Council (Literature Development Officer)

Tricorn Publishing

Spinnaker Press

Pompey Study Centre (Director)

Gunwharf Quays (Events Manager)

Portsmouth Festivities (Director)

Waterstones Portsmouth (Manager)

Blackwell's Portsmouth (Manager)

King's Theatre (Education)

Groundlings Theatre (Director)

New Theatre Royal (Director, Education & Community Outreach)

Local writers & writers groups representatives (Tongues & Grooves, Dickens Fellowship, Write Invite, Lisa Clark, Elaine Crinnion, D.J. Kirkby, Sarah Cheverton, Matthew Wingett)

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
None	