



NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE & CITY DEVELOPMENT

FRIDAY, 31 JANUARY 2020 AT 9.00 AM

THE EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM - THIRD FLOOR, THE GUILDHALL

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CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE & CITY DEVELOPMENT

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Group Spokespersons

Councillor Stephen Morgan, Labour
Councillor Linda Symes, Conservative
Councillor Claire Udy

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Declarations of Interests
- 3 Guildhall Trust Capital Release (Pages 5 - 22)

Purpose

- (1) To seek authorisation to change the terms of the capital grant of £285,000 currently allocated to The Guildhall Trust.

- (2) To present the business case to release £207,400 against this capital amount for the alternative capital expenditure listed in this report.

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That the current obligation for The Guildhall Trust to secure match funding against the capital grant of £285,000 be removed.**
- (2) That a capital allocation of £207,400 be released from this capital grant already approved for The Guildhall Trust to invest in the capital items listed in this report.**

4 Hotwalls Studios Business Plan (Pages 23 - 42)

Purpose

This report provides a summary of the work and activities of the Hotwalls Studios over the past 3 years. It also recommends to bring a future report, in this financial year, for a proposed business model for the site, both to meet emerging priorities and provided a sustainable business model for the future.

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That the Cabinet Member for Culture and City Development notes the work and activities of the Hotwalls Studios developed over the previous 3 years.**
- (2) That the Cabinet Member for Culture and City Development agrees to bring a revised 6 year business plan model to the March 2020 portfolio meeting.**

5 Library Free Fines and Overdues (Pages 43 - 62)

Purpose

To update the Portfolio Holder on the impact of the abolition of reservation fees and overdue fines in the Library and Archive Service and make recommendations for the remaining period of the pilot based on evaluation findings.

RECOMMENDED

- (1) To continue to offer free reservations of books to library members for the duration of the three year pilot period to March 2021.**
- (2) To continue not to charge overdue fines to library members for the duration of the three year pilot period to March 2021.**
- (3) To carry out a second evaluation of the pilot in autumn 2020 to make recommendations beyond the pilot period.**

6 Parks, Seafront and Events Fees and Charges (Pages 63 - 76)

Purpose of report

To seek approval for annual changes to the fees and charges levied for the use of Parks, Recreation and Seafront facilities for the financial year 2020/ 21.

RECOMMENDED

That the fees and charges be approved in accordance with the attached schedules (Appendix 1 - Schedule A).

7 Revenue Grants (Pages 77 - 90)

Purpose

To outline to the Cabinet Member the proposed funding levels for the Revenue Grant payments to cultural organisations for the financial year 2020/21 in order to enable effective planning by the individual organisations and take into account the deferment of the Revenue Funding decisions due to Purdah until February 2020.

RECOMMENDED

To propose the details of the funding levels, which will be confirmed by Members at the Full Council meeting in February 2020 when the Council's overall revenue budget is agreed.

8 Space Chase: The Summer Reading Challenge 2019 (Pages 91 - 108)

Purpose

To update the Cabinet Member for Culture and City Development on the Library and Archive Service's annual Summer Reading Challenge, including additional work undertaken this year to target disadvantaged pupils and looked after children.

RECOMMENDED

(1) That the Cabinet Member approves the continued delivery of Summer Reading Challenge PLUS in 2020 following this year's successful pilot.

(2) That given increasing participation year-on-year, the Library and Archive Service explores external funding to support the purchase of additional Summer Reading Challenge materials and books for all Portsmouth Libraries.

9 Waterfront Garden Centre (Pages 109 - 126)

Purpose

To inform the Cabinet Member of the developments to date of the Waterfront Garden Centre in Avenue de Caen and to see approval to continue to seek cross authority working for referrals to the service.

RECOMMENDED

To update members on the detailed working of the Waterfront Garden

Centre and to seek approval to continue to request referrals to the service from other services within the Council.

The following reports are for information only

10 Seafront Strategy (Pages 127 - 128)

Purpose

To update the Cabinet Member on the officer proposal to review the current Seafront Strategy 2010 - 2026 which was adopted by Council in March 2010.

11 Water Safety (Pages 129 - 130)

Purpose

To update Members on the results of a recently completed Water Safety audit and the actions and mitigations taken since the report.

12 Developing Watersports in Portsmouth (Pages 131 - 140)

Purpose

To provide an update on progress with the "Developing Watersports in Portsmouth" strategy document, and highlight the next priority areas for action.

13 Monitoring of the Second Quarter 2019/20 Revenue Cash Limits and Capital Programme (Pages 141 - 148)

Purpose

To inform the Cabinet Member and Opposition Spokespersons of:

- The forecast revenue expenditure for the year compared with the cash limited budget.
- The forecast capital expenditure against the revised capital programme for the Culture portfolio

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