

**Title of meeting:** Cabinet

**Date of meeting:** 27 June 2023

**Subject:** Response to the Economic Development Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel's recommendations regarding engagement with culture and leisure - widening social participation in Portsmouth

**Report by:** Director of Culture, Leisure and Regulatory Services

**Wards affected:** All

**Key decision:** No

**Full Council decision:** No

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**1. Purpose of report**

The purpose of the report is to set out the response of officers to the Economic Development Culture and Leisure Scrutiny Panel's recommendations arising from a review into engagement with culture and leisure - widening social participation in Portsmouth.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. That the Panel is thanked for its work in undertaking the review.
- 2.2. That Cabinet notes and supports the recommendations of the review, which are set out in Appendix 2 to this report, together with the officer responses to the recommendations.

**3. Background**

- 3.1. The Economic Development Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel have reviewed opportunities for widening social participation with culture and leisure provision in Portsmouth.
- 3.2. On 18 September 2019, Scrutiny Management Panel prioritised the topic *'Engagement with Culture and Leisure - widening social participation in Portsmouth'* for review. The review commenced with meetings on 20 January 2020 and 25 February 2020, but further meetings were put on hold during the covid pandemic.

- 3.3. The review recommenced on 12 January 2023. Further meetings were held on: 30 January, 9 February and 13 March 2023.
- 3.4. The review included receiving evidence in person from:
- 3.4.1. Stephen Baily, Director, Culture, Leisure & Regulatory Services (PCC)
  - 3.4.2. Jane Mee, Museums and Visitor Services Manager (PCC)
  - 3.4.3. James Daly, Cultural Development Projects Officer (PCC)
  - 3.4.4. Adrienne Pye and Dan Cowley, Audience Agency
  - 3.4.5. Lindy Elliott, Libraries & Archives Service Manager (PCC)
  - 3.4.6. Library users at Southsea Library
  - 3.4.7. Laura Weston, Education & Outreach Officer (PCC)
  - 3.4.8. Angela Gonzalez, Southsea Library Supervisor (PCC)
  - 3.4.9. Paul Tilley, University of Portsmouth (Ravelin Centre)
  - 3.4.10. Hermione Garner, Andrew Simpson Centre
  - 3.4.11. Rob Cunningham, BH Live
  - 3.4.12. David Moorman, Strategic Development Manager Sports & Leisure (PCC)
  - 3.4.13. David Evans, Built Environment Manager, on behalf of Sports Council (PCC)
  - 3.4.14. Mark Woolnough, Recreation Manager (PCC)
  - 3.4.15. Susanna Collier, Groundlings Theatre
  - 3.4.16. Andy Grays, Guildhall Trust
  - 3.4.17. Paul Woolf, Kings Theatre
  - 3.4.18. Angela Parks, New Theatre Royal
  - 3.4.19. Aysegul Epengin, Portsmouth Film Society
  - 3.4.20. James Ralls and Terri Ralls, Victorious
  - 3.4.21. Claire Looney, Commissioning Manager regarding Seafront, Conan Doyle Collection and Revenue Funding (PCC)
  - 3.4.22. Lydia Mellor, Events Manager, regarding Events (PCC)
  - 3.4.23. Sarah Lindley, Operational Manager, regarding Community Centres (PCC)
  - 3.4.24. Ross Fairbrother, Manager, D-Day Story (PCC)
  - 3.4.25. Jane Singh, Tourism & Marketing Manager (PCC)
  - 3.4.26. Matthew Sheldon, Executive Director National Museum Royal Navy and for Mary Rose Trust
  - 3.4.27. Joanne Bushnell, Portsmouth Cultural Education Partnership and Aspex
  - 3.4.28. David Percival, Libraries and Archives Service Manager (PCC)
  - 3.4.29. Catherine Burland, Volunteer Futures Officer (PCC)

Some witnesses also provided written papers as part of their response.

- 3.5. Written evidence was received from:
- 3.5.1. Claire Watkins, Business Manager (PCC) regarding Leisure Card

- 3.6. The Scrutiny Panel's review document can be found in full at Appendix 1.

#### **4. Scrutiny Panel's Recommendations and Officer Response**

- 4.1. The scrutiny panel made 17 recommendations in total. The recommendations, with officer responses, can be found at Appendix 2, together with further responses to additional points of relevance.

## **5. Integrated impact assessment**

- 5.1. An IIA will be produced for each specific scheme or policy change arising from the recommendations made, at such time as they are planned for implementation.

## **6. Legal implications**

- 6.1. There are no legal implications arising directly from the specific recommendations and officer responses set out in the report, but legal support can be provided as may be necessary in connection with the implementation of recommended initiatives, including in relation to any of the contracts specifically mentioned.

## **7. Director of Finance's comments**

- 7.1. Implementation of the various initiatives outlined in the appendices will be subject to available budget provision. Some initiatives may be financed from existing cash limits (revenue budget). Initiatives requiring capital investment will be subject to a satisfactory capital bid.

Signed by:

**Stephen Baily**

**Director of Culture, Leisure and Regulatory Services**



**Appendices:**

Appendix 1: Economic Development, Culture and Leisure Scrutiny Panel review: engagement with culture and leisure - widening social participation in Portsmouth.

Appendix 2: Scrutiny Panel's recommendations and officer responses

**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

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by ..... on .....

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Signed by:

**Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Economic Development**