

Report title: Arts, Culture and Creative Sector including the new Cultural Strategy	
Report to: Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
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County Divisions affected: All	

1. Introduction

The Committee's remit includes scrutiny of Heritage, Culture and the Arts. The presentation (Appendix 1) presents an update on the work of Cultural Development Team including the second round of the Arts and Cultural Fund, outlines the emerging Cultural Strategy, and provides an update on progress with the Essex Film Office.

2. Action required

The Committee is asked to consider the overall presentation and comment on the emerging DRAFT Cultural Strategy (Appendix 2).

3. Links to Everyone's Essex

The Arts, Culture and the Creative Sector links to a number of the ambitions outlined in *Everyone's Essex: our plan for levelling up the county 2021 to 2025* including on supporting economic and social regeneration in our region.

4. Next Steps

Expected attendees to support the discussion:

Councillor Graham Butland, Cabinet Member for Devolution, the Arts, Heritage and Culture

Councillor Mark Durham, Deputy Cabinet Member for Devolution, the Arts, Heritage and Culture

Louise Fitton - Head of Culture, Heritage & Green Space

Erica Gilson - Marketing and Business Development Manager

5. Appendices

Appendix 1 Presentation - Arts, Culture and Creative Sector (this includes a video which can be viewed here: https://youtu.be/aB3_1yxoUHW)

Appendix 2 DRAFT Cultural Strategy – *please note this is a draft version for discussion which will subject to further revision and any quotes included are for illustrative purposes at this stage.*