



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

STRATEGIC CULTURE & ARTS STEERING GROUP

11th January 2021

WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide the Strategic Culture & Arts Steering Group with information on the key issues to be considered in the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Members of the Steering Group provide comment as appropriate on the draft work programme (which is attached as Appendix 1 to the report)
- 2.2 Subject to any amendments, the Steering Group approve the draft work programme as a basis, which can be amended to reflect any changing priorities throughout the year.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The need to ensure that the areas identified as 'Going Forward' are considered by the Steering Group.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In September 2018, the Strategic Culture & Arts Steering Group held its inaugural meeting, whereby it was agreed to produce a forward work programme to provide Members with the opportunity to raise any matters that they would like to consider during the year.
- 4.2 Members will also recall that the [Local Authorities \(Coronavirus\) \(Meetings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020](#), published at the end of April 2020, provided the opportunity for committee functions to operate virtually.

5. DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME

5.1 The themes identified for consideration over the Municipal Year are:-

Serving our Communities

- An update on the Arts during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

ACW Investment Review

- Arts and Health
- Arts and Regeneration

5.2 It is proposed that each of the themes is put forward against a scheduled Strategic Culture and Arts meeting date, although depending on changing priorities these may be subject to change.

5.2 The Council's focus on the impact of the pandemic and its associated plans for response and recovery is acknowledged. The desire to resume a 'business as usual' approach is noted; however, Members will need to be mindful of ongoing pressures. Members are asked to acknowledge the balance required for a flexible and supportive work programme that has clear objectives, expectations and lines of questioning. Importantly, this approach allows for business-critical matters to be prioritised.

5.3 The Strategic Culture & Arts Steering Group forward work programme, attached at Appendix 1, sets out a manageable and realistic activity for the 2020/21 Municipal Year, allowing for the more pressing matters to be considered whilst having the flexibility to respond to emerging issues.

5.4 Members are reminded that given the current climate the forward work programme priorities are subject to change should other business need to be considered.

5.5 The Strategic Culture & Arts Steering Group is invited to consider areas for further development.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 The proposed draft work programme is a fluid document, allowing the programme to be amended with changing priorities, particularly in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The programme is based on factors highlighted in meetings of the Strategic Culture & Arts Steering Group or other items officers deem appropriate to bring forward for discussion.



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DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2020/21**

THEME	DATE OF MEETING	TOPICS	VENUE
Serving our Communities during the COVID-19 Pandemic.	11 th January 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update on the progress of the Arts in RCT during the COVID-19 pandemic. 	Virtual via the 'Zoom' Application
Arts and Regeneration and an update on the Arts in RCT (serving our communities – Arts and Health)	17 th March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update on the progress of the Muni Awen Cultural Trust Invited to discuss the progress and strategy for the Muni Arts Centre and how it complements Pontypridd as a cultural destination. An update on the progress of the Arts in RCT during the COVID-19 pandemic. 	Virtual via the 'Zoom' Application

Future topics

- Eisteddfod – To discuss preparations for the Cultural Arts Programme
- Education – the new curriculum for 2021-22