

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**STRATEGIC CULTURE & ARTS STEERING GROUP**

**June 2021**

**WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS**

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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 2021/22 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 the production of a work programme to provide Members with the opportunity to raise any matters that they would like to consider during the year. It was noted that the work programme would be a fluid document to be amended with changing priorities.

- 4.2 At the meeting, the Steering Group agreed that the topics at future meetings would be established on a thematic basis which would allow for more focussed discussions.

## **5. DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME**

- 5.1 The themes identified for consideration over the 2021 – 2022 Municipal Year are:-

### **5.1.1 Serving our Communities / Heritage and Culture**

- Visibility & Perception
- National Lottery Project
- Eisteddfod Update
- Museums in RCT

### **5.1.2 ACW Investment Review**

- Arts and Health
- Arts and Regeneration

### **5.1.3 Arts and Health**

- Cwm Taf Arts & Health Strategy
- Awen Cultural Trust – Muni Update

### **5.1.4 Arts and Regeneration**

- Libraries in RCT
- 'Connect and Flourish' in RCT

- 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 the dates and themes of this reporting may be subject to change.

## **6. CONCLUSION**

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



**STARTEGIC CULTURE AND ARTS STEERING GROUP  
DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2021/22**

| <b>THEME</b>   | <b>DATE OF MEETING</b>   | <b>TOPICS</b>  | <b>VENUE</b> |
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| Arts and Regeneration and an update on the Arts in RCT (serving our communities – Arts and Health) | <b>21 June 2021, 2pm</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Forward Work Programme 2021-22</li><li>• An update on the progress of the Muni Arts Centre Awen Cultural Trust invited to discuss the progress and strategy for the Muni Arts Centre and how it complements Pontypridd as a cultural destination.</li><li>• Arts &amp; Health Co-ordinator at Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB invited to discuss the development of its new strategy for 2022 and beyond</li><li>• A Service update on the Arts in RCT</li></ul> | Virtual      |

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| Heritage and Culture /<br>Serving our<br>Communities | <b>27<sup>th</sup> September 2021,<br/>2pm</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Heritage Lottery Fund Projects Update including an invitation to the Eisteddfod to discuss their NHLF community engagement project in RCT</li> </ul>  | Virtual |
| ACW Investment Review / Arts and Regeneration in RCT | <b>6<sup>th</sup> December 2021, 2pm</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An update on the progress of the Muni - Awen Cultural Trust invited to discuss the progress to date.</li> <li>• To consider the Arts Council Wales investment application</li> <li>• Artis Community Cymuned invited to discuss their provision across the borough and the YMCA development.</li> </ul>  | Virtual |
| Heritage and Culture in RCT                          | <b>14<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 2pm</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An update on libraries and collections in RCT</li> <li>• An update on the Arts Council of Wales' Connect &amp; Flourish projects across RCT</li> <li>• An update from Heritage Service and its programme</li> <li>• An update on the strategic creative partnership working within Pontypridd, with an invite to Pontypridd Town Council to update on Pontypridd Museum developments.</li> </ul> | Virtual |