

REPORT TO: ARTS & HERITAGE COMMITTEE

REPORT ON: DEVELOPMENT OF A CULTURAL STRATEGY FOR DUNDEE

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ARTS AND HERITAGE

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek Committee's agreement to the development of a Cultural Strategy for Dundee which will replace and revise the Arts Action Plan and Heritage Action Plan, 1998-2000.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Committee remits to the Director of Arts and Heritage to develop a Cultural Strategy for Dundee.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no additional financial implications.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The production of a revised and current document to succeed the existing plans, which cover the period up to the end of 2000, will assist in ensuring that the Council continues to deliver its arts and heritage services in ways which ensure that local needs are met locally, access is strengthened and increased, and that opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available to all.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The documents will place emphasis on equality of opportunity for all in access to the city's arts and heritage services. A public consultation phase will be in-built to the revision process.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 The Committee approved the Arts Action Plan and Heritage Action Plan, 1998-2000, at its meeting of January 1998. The Plans are due for revision in 2000.

6.2 The National Cultural Strategy for Scotland will be published by the Scottish Executive in July 2000. Present indications from the Scottish Executive are that the Strategy will encompass the cross-cutting themes of Access and Social Justice, Young People and Education, the contribution of the Creative Industries, International Links and Cultural Tourism, and Cultural Diversity.

6.3 It is proposed that a Cultural Strategy for Dundee is developed which takes cognisance of the emerging National agenda and reflects local cultural needs. It is anticipated that this new strategic document will replace and revise the Arts Action Plan and Heritage Action Plan, 1998-2000, and the original Dundee Arts Strategy.

6.4 The strategy will be evolved through consultation with Council Departments and other national, regional and local providers. A consultation phase with representatives of the public and voluntary bodies will be incorporated in the drafting process.

6.5 The draft revised document will be brought before Committee for approval following the expiry of the existing Arts Action Plan and Heritage Action Plan, 1998-2000.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Support Services, Director of Finance have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its content.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None

Director of Arts and Heritage _____ Date _____