

CABINET PANEL ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT 7 JUNE 2021
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TITLE OF INFORMATION NOTE: ARTS AND CULTURE IN NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE

INFORMATION NOTE OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR COMMERCIAL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

PRIORITY: BE A MORE WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE COUNCIL AND ENABLE AN ENTERPRISING AND CO-OPERATIVE ECONOMY

1. SUMMARY

1.1 To discuss how arts providers, and their audiences, plan to recover from the Coronavirus pandemic and how to thrive in the new world.

2. STEPS TO DATE

2.1 On Monday 19th October 2020, Hitchin Committee hosted a Town Talk that was specifically themed to discuss the recovery of the arts and culture offer within the Town following the national lock downs due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The outcome of this was a stakeholder led networking group within the town. Following on from this meeting, it was considered that it would be beneficial to extend this discussion across North Hertfordshire.

2.2 To that end, Arts and culture organisations from across the district have been invited to attend in order to facilitate open discussion. The Chair of the Panel will facilitate dialogue encouraging partnership working, sharing information and ideas.

3. INFORMATION TO NOTE

3.1 This Cabinet Panel will provide the opportunity for arts and culture organisations from the local community to use the meeting as a sounding board and network with similar groups from across the district.

3.2 The discussion will focus on how arts providers, and their audiences, plan to recover from the pandemic and how to thrive in the new world.

3.3 The last year has shown us all exactly how valuable Arts and Culture is. North Hertfordshire District Council want to continue this message and celebrate North Hertfordshire's Arts and Culture in 2021 and beyond.

3.4 The Panel will seek to ensure that consideration of agenda items minimises additional burdens on staff resources. Wherever possible, requests are made for the presentation of documents already in existence rather than the production of new documents specifically for the Panel.

3.5 Attendance from external bodies and members of the public is actively encouraged.

- 3.6 This is a non decision-making advisory body and therefore this or any notes/reports to the Panel do not include a recommendation on a key Executive decision and have not been referred to in the Forward Plan. However, recommendations for action from the Panel for consideration by Cabinet may do so. This will therefore need to be borne in mind for any recommendations of the Panel.

4. NEXT STEPS

- 4.1 To encourage the Arts and Culture organisations to create a North Herts network and perhaps local networks for each area that feed into a district wide provision.

5. APPENDICES

- 5.1 None

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7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None