

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Council – 12 April 2023

Report Title

Cabinet Response to the outcomes from the Scrutiny Review - Cultural Strategy.

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough -Wide

Report Summary

To report on the response to the findings and recommendations from the spotlight review jointly undertaken by Improving Places Select Commission and Improving Lives Select Commission on 2 February 2022.

Recommendations

1. That Council note that Cabinet approved the response to the recommendations as summarised in the Cabinet's Response to the Scrutiny Review - Cultural Strategy at Appendix 2.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Cultural Strategy
Appendix 2 – Response to the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
Appendix 3a – Initial Equality Screening Assessment Form Part A
Appendix 3b – Initial Equality Screening Assessment Form Part B
Appendix 4 – Carbon Impact Assessment

Background Papers

Rotherham's Cultural Strategy 2019-2026 – Cabinet 10/06/2019
Cultural Strategy Implementation – Improving Places Select Commission 08/12/2020
Minutes of Improving Lives Select Commission – 03/05/2022
Minutes of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 12/10/2022
Minutes of Cabinet meeting – 19/12/2022

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

Cabinet – 13 February 2023

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 12 October 2022

Improving Lives Select Commission – 03 May 2022

Cabinet – 19 December 2022

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Cabinet Response to the outcomes from the Scrutiny Review - Cultural Strategy

1. Background

- 1.1 Rotherham's Cultural Strategy was agreed by Cabinet on 10 June 2019. On 19 December 2020, the most recent progress on the implementation of the Strategy was scrutinised at Improving Places Select Commission, and it was agreed by Members of Improving Places Select Commission in July 2021 that, in view of the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on the cultural offer in the Borough, there was the need for a spotlight review.
- 1.2 Acknowledging the positive benefits of events and culture to wellbeing and education, the purpose of the review was to obtain assurances that the local offer was responsive to the changing needs of communities and promoted inclusive access to cultural activities in the Borough. This review examined elements which intersect three objectives included in the Council Plan 2022-23: local people have access to libraries, cultural activities, parks and green spaces; children and young people have fun things to do and safe places to go, and; inequalities are addressed, and nobody is left behind.
- 1.3 Members of Improving Places Select Commission and Improving Lives Select Commission met with Culture, Sport and Tourism Service Leads and the Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion. The review was undertaken by Councillors Pitchley, Atkin, Cooksey, Keenan, Griffin, Havard, McNeely, and Sansome.
- 1.4 The resulting recommendations were endorsed by Improving Lives Select Commission on 3 May 2022 on behalf of both scrutiny commissions which conducted the spotlight. The recommendations were subsequently endorsed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 12 October 2022 and presented to Cabinet on the 19 December 2022.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The responses to the recommendations are set out in Appendix 2.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 The recommendations and corresponding actions are designed to give Members the assurance that their concerns have been considered.
- 3.2 It is recommended that Council note that Cabinet approved the response to the recommendations as summarised in the Cabinet's Response to the Scrutiny Review - Cultural Strategy at Appendix 2.

4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 Details of consultation have been set out in the relevant sections of the Cabinet report listed in Appendix 1 and in Appendix 3b – Initial Equality Screening Assessment Form Part B.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 Cabinet's responses to each of the recommendations and associated timescales are detailed in Appendix 2.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

6.1 Financial implications are outlined within the Cabinet report listed in Appendix 1.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 There are no direct human resources implications arising from this report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 As the purpose of the spotlight review was to provide reassurance that children and young people and vulnerable groups were prioritised within Rotherham's cultural offer, it is envisaged that there will be a positive impact on these sectors of the community as a result of this report.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 Details of any implications are listed within the Initial Equalities Screening Form (Part A) and Analysis (Part B) completed and included in Appendix 3a and Appendix 3b.

11. Implications for CO₂ Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report as recorded at Appendix 4.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1 Implications for partners are set out in the main sections of the Cabinet report listed in Appendix 1.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 Cabinet's recommendations listed in Appendix 2 of this report have considered the risks and mitigations associated with all proposed actions.

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