

Meeting:	Thriving Sub-Committee
Date:	20 June 2023
Title:	North Tyneside Creates – A Cultural Plan for North Tyneside 2023-2030
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Service:	Governance
Wards affected:	All
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report provides an introduction and background information to enable the sub-committee to examine the Cultural Plan for North Tyneside 2023-2030 and the Authority's commitment to work with partners to develop the North Tyneside Cultural Partnership, to drive forward the delivery and monitoring of the Plan.

2. Details

2.1 The sub-committee is responsible for examining key policy issues in relation to economic development, planning, business and enterprise, parks and open spaces, sport and leisure, libraries, tourism, arts development, heritage strategy, community centres and voluntary sector support. The sub-committee can support and assist the Elected Mayor and Cabinet in the formulation of their future plans, strategies and decision making by making evidence based recommendations to them.

2.2 At its meeting on 22 May 2023, Cabinet

- a) approved North Tyneside Creates – A Cultural Plan for North Tyneside 2023-2030;
- b) authorised the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development to work with partners to develop the North Tyneside Cultural Partnership, to drive forward the delivery and monitoring of the Plan; and

- c) agreed to receive annual updates on progress against the key challenges and strategic objectives of the Plan.

2.3 Whilst the sub-committee is to consider and determine its work programme for the year ahead at this meeting (this is subject to a separate report), the Chair asked that the sub-committee commence its scrutiny activities at this meeting by examining the Cultural Plan.

2.4 Steve Bishop, the Council's Head of Culture has accepted an invitation to attend the meeting to present details of the plan and discuss the development of the North Tyneside Cultural Partnership, to drive forward the delivery and monitoring of the Plan. The Chair of the Partnership, Katy Fuller, and Vice-Chair, Stella Hall, have also been invited to attend the meeting together with the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Carl Johnson, who is the Cabinet Member responsible for Culture, Tourism and Events.

2.5 A copy of the report presented to Cabinet on 22 May 2023 and a copy of North Tyneside Creates - A Cultural Plan for North Tyneside 2023-2030 are attached as appendices.

2.6 In examining the Cultural Plan members of the sub-committee may wish to:

- a) familiarise themselves with the new strategy;
- b) seek to understand why it was initiated, what policy aims it is fulfilling, why the Authority chose to take a partnership approach and what value it is expected to add;
- c) consider whether it wishes to undertake any further work as part of its work programme; and
- d) if appropriate, make comments and/or recommendations to the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development and/or Cabinet to help shape the development of the partnership and delivery of the plan.

2.7 The Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee considered and contributed to the development of the Plan at its meetings on [28 June 2022](#) and [21 November 2021](#).

4. Background Information

4.1 The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

- Report to Thriving Sub-Committee in relation to work programme 2023-24

5. Appendices

Appendix A: Report to Cabinet 22 May 2023

Appendix B: North Tyneside Creates - A Cultural Plan for North Tyneside 2023-2030