

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting8th October 2015

1. Title of Item/Report

Tees Valley Culture Task and Finish Group Report

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the Tees Valley Culture Task and Finish Group Report

A seminar in June 2014, hosted by Teesside University and attended by business leaders, academics, local authority officers and representatives of the cultural sector, considered the potential contribution of culture to economic aspirations. A powerful consensus emerged; if the right companies, the right investment, the right labour force, top quality students, and visitors were to be recruited and retained, our image, reputation and cultural offer was critical.

Under the auspice of TVU, a Task and Finish Group was established, chaired by Professor Graham Henderson on behalf of the TVU Board, and co-chaired by Cllr David Budd, Co-Chair of the NE Cultural Partnership, to take forward the conclusions of the seminar.

The Task and Finish Group ran a number of stakeholder conversations, commissioned written contributions, and engaged a range of agencies and groups. Three themes for action emerged concerning place shaping, cultural business growth, and social inclusion.

In turn these gave rise to three goals for action:-

- To be a destination – a place people know about, like living in, want to move to or visit – because of its cultural assets, events, environment and lifestyle;
- To be a place of choice for artists and creative businesses to set up and grow – because of the support, spaces, and opportunities to network with other creative people;
- To be a place that understands and deploys arts and culture in sustaining inclusive and healthy communities, where arts interventions are actively used to support education, health and well-being, and skills for employment;

The final report of the Task and Finish Group was presented to a seminar in July 2015 and was presented to Cabinet for acknowledgement and endorsement.

RESOLVED that the Tees Valley Culture Task and Finish Group final report be acknowledged and endorsed.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To inform Members of the Tees Valley Culture Task and Finish Group Report.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on 16th October 2015.

Proper Officer
12 October 2015