

PLACES SCRUTINY PANEL

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STRATEGIC PLAN FOR CULTURE & LEISURE IN RUTLAND 2017-20

Report of the Director for Places (Development and Economy)

Strategic Aim:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sustainable Growth</i> • <i>Safeguarding</i> • <i>Reaching our Full Potential</i> • <i>Sound Financial and Workforce Planning</i> 	
Exempt Information	No	
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Panel considers the draft Strategic Plan for Culture & Leisure in Rutland 2017-20 at Appendix A and that any comments be reported to Cabinet as appropriate.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the draft Strategic Plan for Culture & Leisure in Rutland 2017-20 as part of the consultation process.

2. BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 Rutland County Council's Corporate Plan includes a Vision of the Future Rutland in which "our environment, culture and heritage will be protected in the context of sustainable growth", and that "Rutland will remain as one of the most popular places to live in the country, with ... an active and enriched community". Strategic Objectives include "support our communities to access cultural, recreational and volunteering opportunities," "support the promotion of Rutland as a place to visit," and "ensure our market towns are vibrant and attractive to both visitors and residents." In order to further these aims, the Culture Theme Group of the Local Strategic Partnership has developed the draft Strategic Plan for Culture & Leisure in Rutland, presented in Appendix A.

- 2.2 The Rutland Together Culture & Leisure Strategy 2013-16, which was considered by the Places Scrutiny Panel on 20th June 2013 (Report No. 153/2013), has now expired, and a refreshed Strategy is required to underpin the direction and delivery of services. The strategic plan has been aligned with Rutland County Council's Strategic Aims, so that there is a direct read-across between the documents.
- 2.3 The creation of the Strategic Plan for Culture and Leisure has been led by the partnership of Culture and Leisure organisations that attend the Culture Theme Group of the Local Strategic Partnership. Scrutiny is invited to reflect on both the content of the report, and, as a community-developed document, its appropriateness for adoption by the Council as a formal Strategy.
- 2.4 Operational delivery of the Strategy will be undertaken through the partner organisations and RCC Culture and Leisure Services (part of the Places Directorate). Delivery will be contained within the RCC Medium Term Financial Plan.

3. CONSULTATION

- 3.1 This report seeks the views of Panel Members on the document which has been developed by the Local Strategic Partnership Culture & Leisure Theme Group. A report will be taken to Cabinet later in the year with a final draft of the Strategic Plan for adoption.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Strategic Plan does not commit the Council to any expenditure outside of existing budgets.
- 4.2 The priorities of the Strategic Plan include priorities for capital investment, which may become available as a result of funding bids, developer contributions and other sources. A published strategy outlining these aspirations aids potential funders in understanding the priorities of the locality.

5. LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 A number of the services covered by the Strategic Plan are covered by statutory duties, however it is not a statutory requirement to produce a strategy.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) screening template has been completed. No adverse or other unjustified differential impact was found.

7. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Strategic Plan for Culture & Leisure aims to promote sustainable communities and to improve the engagement of residents in positive and enriching activities. It encourages development of accessible community facilities, and is likely to help to promote community safety.

8. HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Under Priority 2, “Safeguarding, Health & Wellbeing”, the Strategic Plan seeks to deliver sustained improvements in public health through activity programmes, and ensure facilities are available and accessible to residents and visitors of all ages, disabilities and diversity groups. As such it is designed to have positive impacts of the health and wellbeing of the community.

9. ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Environmental implications

- 9.2 The environmental implications of the Strategic Plan are positive, promoting access to countryside, wildlife, woodland and landscape. The Plan seeks to encourage public gardening, allotments and horticulture, which will have beneficial impacts on individuals’ access to the environment.

9.3 Procurement Implications

- 9.4 There are no direct procurement implications from the Strategic Plan, which does not commit the Council to any expenditure outside of existing budgets.

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1 The production of a Strategic Plan for Culture & Leisure is not a statutory requirement, however it is believed to be desirable in order to direct activities, and to align work with the authority’s strategic vision. It will assist in meeting the challenges of balancing the Council’s Medium Term Financial Plan through providing a means of prioritising activity.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 11.1 N/A

12. APPENDICES

- 12.1 Appendix A – Strategic Plan for Culture & Leisure in Rutland 2017-2020

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