

# CABINET

## Storey Creative Industries Centre: Progress Update 22 January 2013

### Report of the Head of Resources

PURPOSE OF REPORT			
To provide Cabinet with an update on the position regarding the Storey Creative Industries Centre (CIC).			
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key Decision	Referral from Officer
			X
Date Included in Forward Plan	N/A		
This report is public, but it is expected that an update on tenant accounts will be provided at the meeting and this would be exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972.			

#### RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEAD OF RESOURCES:

- (1) That Cabinet notes the report and makes any further recommendations as it considers appropriate.

#### 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its meeting in October Cabinet requested a regular update on the position regarding the Storey. This report briefly outlines progress and matters arising between the December Cabinet meeting up to 07 January; any later events will be reported at the meeting.

#### 2 GENERAL PROGRESS

- 2.1 Work continues on developing the brief for the future of the Storey, and a general invitation went out to tenants for them to have the opportunity to contribute their views and ideas. Sessions will have been held by the time of the Cabinet meeting. The aim is to develop a draft business plan for the Storey, for consideration by Cabinet.
- 2.2 One new tenant moved into the Storey in December and other new tenants are being sought. An up to date position statement on the tenants' rent accounts will be provided at the meeting; this will be exempt from publication, and the press and public may be excluded from this part of the meeting.
- 2.3 A report elsewhere on the agenda covers the outcome of the building conditions survey, including the Storey. In broad terms the estimated value of all works identified are around £500K but this does not allow for bringing the

top floor back into use. The draft business plan will take account of the outcome of the survey and the phasing of works.

- 2.4 A premises licence has been gained to cover regulated entertainment for the public space, and for the sale of alcohol.
- 2.5 Whilst Property Service resources have been increased slightly in the interim to help with the increased workload, it is reiterated that Storey operations are taking up considerable Officer time, not just in Property Services, and it is inevitable that other work and tasks will be adversely affected.
- 2.6 Finally, the Facing North art exhibition will take place in the Storey Gallery from 08 February to 09 March. This exciting exhibition illustrates the talent and diversity of 50 Northern artists living and working in the North of England, who provide an exceptional standard of talent in the visual arts.

### 3 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 Even given the short space of time elapsed and the many other work demands, progress is still being made. Establishing a sound, viable operation for the longer term is not a quick job, however.

<b>RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK</b>
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The Storey operation will need to support Council's priorities and be sustainable, to fit with the Council's theme of managing the Council's resources to deliver value for money.
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<b>CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT</b>
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Not applicable at this stage – this report is for information only.
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<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>
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None arising directly as a result of this report.
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<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</b>
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As referred to in the report. The draft operating budget will continue to be updated and reported through to Members.
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<b>OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>
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<b>Human Resources / Information Services / Property / Open Spaces:</b>
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As reflected in the report. Again, one of the biggest concerns to appreciate is the amount of Officer time being spent on the Storey and that this has an adverse impact on other workloads.
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<b>SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS</b>
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The s151 Officer has produced this report, in her capacity as Head of Resources.
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<b>MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS</b>
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The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments to add.
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<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>
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None.
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