

CABINET

FESTIVALS & EVENTS CABINET LIAISON GROUP

7th October 2008

Report of Corporate Director (Regeneration)

PURPOSE OF REPORT				
To consider the establishment of a Festival & Events Cabinet Liaison Group and its terms of reference.				
Key Decision		Non-Key Decision	Referral from Cabinet Member	X
Date Included in Forward Plan	n/a			
This report is public				

RECOMMENDATIONS OF COUNCILLOR BURNS

- (1) That Cabinet confirm the establishment of a Festivals & Events Cabinet Liaison Group and approve its terms of reference as set out in Appendix A to the report.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Following a referral from Overview and Scrutiny Committee (held on the 9th July 2008), Cabinet on the 31st July 2008, amongst its recommendations, specifically resolved;-

“To form a Cabinet Liaison Group, responsible for developing and reviewing Festivals & Events policy and programmes, based on the Council’s Corporate Plan priorities and that this Group also be responsible for developing partnership opportunities with the private and voluntary sectors for other festivals and events”.

Minute 34 (1 – 3rd bullet point) [08/09] refers

- 1.2 Draft Terms of Reference for the Festival & Events Cabinet Liaison Group are set out at Appendix A to this report and members are asked to approve the establishment of the Festival & Events Cabinet Liaison Group and its Terms of Reference.

2.0 Proposal Details

- 2.1 The approval of the Terms of Reference will enable the establishment of a Festival & Events Cabinet Liaison Group, as requested by the Cabinet on the 31st July 2008 (Minute 34 (1 – 3rd bullet point) [08/09] refers).

3.0 Details of Consultation

- 3.1 No consultation has been necessary. Consultation may be required as a result of any future recommendations of the Festival & Events Cabinet Liaison Group.

4.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)

4.1 Festival & Events Cabinet Liaison Group:

Option No.	OPTION	IMPLICATIONS AND RISK ANALYSIS
1	To not establish the Festival & Events Cabinet Liaison Group.	This may put at risk the full consideration of issues that Cabinet may feel appropriate to pursue.
2	To establish the Festival & Events Cabinet Liaison Group with the proposed terms of reference.	This option will allow for full consideration of issues that are felt appropriate by Cabinet in order to progress matters in this area as recommended by the Lead Cabinet Member.
3	To establish the Festival & Events Cabinet Liaison Group with the revised terms of reference.	This option will allow for full consideration of issues that are felt appropriate by Cabinet in order to progress matters in this area.

5.0 Officer Preferred Option (and comments)

- 5.1 Option 2 is the preferred Option in that this option will allow for full consideration of issues that are felt appropriate by Cabinet in order to progress matters in this area.

6.0 Conclusion

- 6.1 Festival & Events continue to be a priority for the Council and establishment of the Festival & Events Cabinet Liaison Group would allow for a wider range of advice and fuller consideration of the issues.

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

The proposal contributes *"To lead the regeneration of the district"*.

It also promotes the Council's commitment in its Corporate Plan 2008/09 "recognising that tourism continues to play an important role in the economy of the district and we will continue to support that activity" by "improving the district's competitiveness as a visitor destination by attracting visitors to the district by promotion of cultural events".

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

None directly arising from this report. However, there are likely to be positive impacts arising from future recommendations from the Festival & Events Cabinet Liaison Group.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications to the authority as a result of this report, however, there may be financial implications arising from any resulting recommendations from the Festival & Events Cabinet Liaison Group and these would need to be fed into Cabinet for consideration in future years.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments to add.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Recommendations to Cabinet regarding the Terms of Reference of Festival & Events Cabinet Liaison Group are in accordance with the City Council's Constitution.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Deputy Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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Festival & Events Cabinet Liaison Group

Terms of Reference:

To advise the Cabinet Member for Tourism and Events in all matters relating to Festivals and Events throughout the District.

To develop, as appropriate, policies and strategies relating to Festivals and Events for referral through to Cabinet.

To promote the Council's commitment in its Corporate Plan:- "Recognising that tourism continues to play an important role in the economy of the district and we will continue to support that activity" by "improving the district's competitiveness as a visitor destination by attracting visitors to the district by promotion of cultural events."

To ensure that the City Council's responsibilities in relation to Festivals and Events are widely disseminated, understood and acted upon.

To receive reports and develop effective action plans where appropriate.

To monitor the delivery of the Council's Festivals and Events Programme.