

The Borough's Cultural Framework 2023-2027

EXECUTIVE



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PURPOSE

1. To seek endorsement of the Cultural Framework (appendix 1).

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Executive endorses the framework and associated action plans.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. To commit the council to an agenda for cultural strategy development which is shared by all local stakeholders.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. The framework at appendix 1 is informed by the work of Anthony Preston, plus subsequent cross sector and cultural conversations to refine and focus. These conversations have been led by the Cultural Strategy Manager employed by Burnley Leisure and Culture.
5. A key aim is to align the framework with local and regional regeneration plans and sector strategies.
6. The framework sets out the infrastructure needed to develop the borough's cultural landscape and aims to ensure that our future goals are relevant, realistic and deliverable.
7. The framework accepts that, currently, there is no largescale strategic funding for culture. To deliver the framework, stakeholders need to look to existing resources, large-scale grant applications and other external sources e.g. philanthropy.
8. As a result, the framework does not commit to any headline events or cultural programmes. Rather, by working according to the framework, the borough will:

- Build a cultural sector network to share ideas, expertise, good practice and grow opportunities. This in turn will mean the local sector is more joined up, with cultural providers mapping their plans and aligning priorities.
- See culture embedded as part of the borough's toolkit for social and economic development in an effort to make culture integral rather than an afterthought.
- Involve all sections of our community in shaping and delivering programmes, to promote ownership.
- Fundraise and develop projects of ambition and scale.
- Celebrate success through a proposed Culture Burnley Awards, and additional promotions and PR.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

9. None arising directly from this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

10. As set out in the framework document.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

11. Burnley Leisure and Culture undertook an extensive engagement exercise with stakeholders.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

12. None

FURTHER INFORMATION

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ALSO: