



# Doncaster Council

## EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Wednesday, 21st September, 2022 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: Wednesday, 21st September, 2022

End of the call-in period is 5.00 p.m. on **Friday, 30th September, 2022**. This decision will not be implemented until after this date and time.

Present:

Chair - Mayor Ros Jones (Mayor of Doncaster with responsibility for Budget and Policy)  
Vice-Chair - Councillor Glyn Jones (Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Business.)

### Cabinet Member for:

Councillor Lani-Mae Ball	Portfolio Holder for Education, Skills and Young People
Councillor Nigel Ball	Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Leisure, Culture and Planning
Councillor Phil Cole	Portfolio Holder for Finance and Trading Services
Councillor Mark Houlbrook	Portfolio Holder for Sustainability and Waste
Councillor Jane Nightingale	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources
Councillor Andrea Robinson	Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care

Apologies:-

Apologies were received from Councillor Joe Blackham and Councillor Rachael Blake.

## PUBLIC MEETING – SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS

### Public Questions and Statements

There were no public questions or statements asked at the meeting.

Decision Record Forms from the meeting held on 7th September 2022 for noting (previously circulated).

The decision records, which had been previously circulated, from the Cabinet Meeting held on 7th September, 2022 were noted.

## DECISION 6.

### 1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

6. Culture Strategy 2030.

### 2. DECISION TAKEN

AGREED that:-

- 1) Cabinet review and approve the draft Culture Strategy 2030; and
- 2) Cabinet note, following approval, a strategy communication, launch and implementation plan, will be developed and a user-friendly and family-friendly version of the strategy published in collaboration with young people.

### 3. REASON FOR DECISION

The Doncaster Culture Strategy has a long-term vision up to 2030, and will be influenced and integrated by the Doncaster Delivering Together Strategy, linking in with its strategic priorities, with Culture being one of the 'Great 8' priorities. The Strategy builds on the excellent work and commitment of Doncaster Council into arts, culture and heritage that has been demonstrated in recent years by the investment into the new Danum Library Gallery and Museum, as well as the support for other cultural organisations in the Borough, including CAST and DARTS amongst others.

Doncaster Culture Strategy will mean that residents can enjoy high quality culture, at both central and locality levels, that will reduce the need to travel further afield, and the provision of high quality venues will encourage business growth within the borough, and also attract visitors from many other locations.

Doncaster is a place rich with arts and culture, and the development of the strategy will also help to understand and represent the diverse communities within the borough and enable different cultures to express their values, thus creating an elevated sense of awareness for both members of the communities and their visitors.

The vision of the Culture Strategy was underpinned by six key priorities as follows:-

- Doncaster's cultural activity is shaped by the voices of people who live, work and visit the Borough
- Doncaster's communities have the skills, investment, infrastructure and connections to sustain powerful shared cultural activity
- Doncaster makes the most of the potential that arts, culture and creative activity have to transform people's health and well-being
- Doncaster is a home for learning, mentoring and skills development in the arts, culture and creative industries
- Doncaster places collaboration at the heart of cultural activity, its local, regional and national partnerships drive development and enhance activity
- By inspiring creativity and boosting cultural diversity, Doncaster helps regenerate local economies, attract visitors, and places culture at the heart

of its wider economic development strategies.

The Culture Strategy will enable cultural organisations to grow in a joined up way and promote Doncaster as a great place to live, work and study with a thriving arts and culture scene.

Members of Cabinet commended the Culture Strategy and welcomed the benefits it would bring to people's health and well-being. Culture and the Arts has been proven to support the improvement of health in many different ways, through a wide range of initiatives, and this would further benefit many people across the borough with health and social care needs.

Cabinet Members shared their hopes for the Strategy's success, and referenced the £450k culture recover funding already received from the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, which would support and assist many groups and individuals in Doncaster in this area.

Members commented that the consultation undertaken had been excellent, far reaching and engaging with many different groups and individuals across the borough.

**4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

- To cease with a focus on culture strategy and associated developments. This could lead to a leadership and operational vacuum, which could damage investment and growth in the sector;
- To endorse cultural growth in Doncaster, but without a strategic overview. This could cause fragmented, duplicated and a lesser overall social and financial value; or
- The recommended option was to approve the culture strategy as per the recommendations within the report.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were no declarations.

**6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION**

Not Exempt

**7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Director of Learning, Opportunities and Skills



Signed.....Chair/Decision Maker