

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **LIFELONG LEARNING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

DATE: **THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER 2012**

REPORT BY: **DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING**

SUBJECT: **FLINTSHIRE ARTS STRATEGY**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update Members on progress with the Flintshire Arts Strategy.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 The purpose of the strategy is to give the Arts, Culture and Events (ACE) Team direction in the development of arts activities and services. The ACE team is the primary facilitator of arts within the community and in the County's schools.

2.02 The current strategy covers the years 2008 to 2013. Its vision is to "support and develop the arts infrastructure, networks and partnerships within Flintshire and encourage enjoyment, participation and equal access to the arts. To facilitate the provision of quality arts opportunities for artists, the people of Flintshire and visitors to Flintshire to ensure that the arts are an integral part of Flintshire's cultural identity."

2.03 There is a well developed voluntary arts sector within the county with over one hundred and thirty community arts groups identified as operating within Flintshire. The ACE team works closely with this sector to enable it to maximise its potential.

2.04 Clwyd Theatr Cymru, a leading provider of arts in Flintshire, has its own policy, strategy, direction and governance.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 Progress to date on actions identified in the strategy is summarised in the report at Appendix 1.

3.02 The impact of an effective arts strategy is wide ranging. It encourages creativity and raises pride and confidence in the community; it celebrates diversity by valuing the contribution of all groups; it contributes to regeneration and economic growth by attracting inward

investment and improving the built environment. The arts have a key role to play in enabling the community to address its priorities and the Council to meet its strategic objectives. The Arts Strategy's aims are designed to ensure that the arts make a substantial and growing contribution to Flintshire County Council's Core principles.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are recommended to note the report.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None arising from this report.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

None arising from this report.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

None arising from this report.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

None arising from this report.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

None arising from this report.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

None as a consequence of this report.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

None in preparation of this report.

12.00 APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Evaluation of Arts Strategy 2008 -2012

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Flintshire County Council, Directorate of Lifelong Learning, Arts Strategy 2008 – 2013

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