



To: Council
Date: 14 July 2015

Subject: Coventry Bid for UK City of Culture 2021

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform Council of the outcome of the Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board on 8 July 2015

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board recommends to Council that:
- 1) Children and young people are included in the development of the UK City of Culture 2021 bid.
 - 2) The steering group be advised to consider representation from the school and Further Education sector

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 At their meeting on 8 July 2015, the Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board considered a report on the Coventry Bid for UK City of Culture 2021. The report had been considered at Cabinet on 7 July and will be considered at Council on 14 July.
- 3.2 Members welcomed the proposals and were fully supportive of the development of a bid in 2017.
- 3.3 Members questioned officers and the Cabinet Member on:
- How the bid will be working with smaller arts organisations
 - How the bid will build on Coventry's motoring and manufacturing heritage
 - Whether any potential reduction in Council funding for existing cultural assets or programmes such as libraries and the Godiva Festival could affect the outcome of the bid.
 - What progress has already been made
 - Potential funding opportunities and links with other organisations
 - What specialist advice will the bid be receiving
 - Whether working with partners outside of Coventry will strengthen or weaken the bid
- 3.4 Members were particularly concerned about the lack of consideration given in the report as to how young people would be involved in the bidding process.

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