

Council

8 September, 2015

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for Policy and Leadership – Councillor Lucas

Executive Director Approving Submission of the report:

Executive Director of Resources

Ward(s) affected:

Not Applicable

Title:

Appointments of the City Council - Coventry City of Culture Trust

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

This report seeks approval to appoint a City Council representative to the newly formed Coventry City of Culture Trust.

Recommendations:

That the City Council appoints Councillor Abbott to the Coventry City of Culture Trust.

List of Appendices included:

None

Useful background papers:

None.

Has it or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it, or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

Yes – 8 September, 2015

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1. Context (or background)

- 1.1. On 14 July 2015, Council approved that the Coventry City of Culture Steering Group lead a whole-city bid for the title of UK City of Culture 2021, putting together a realistic and credible bid budget and creating a special delivery vehicle to manage the bid process. Council further approved the commitment of up to £250,000 of Corporate reserves to support the City of Culture bid process and further feasibility work (where required) to support the bid.
- 1.2. On 25 August 2015, it was agreed by the Chair of the Coventry City of Culture Steering Group, at a meeting of founding Directors, that the Coventry City of Culture Trust would be formed as the above special delivery vehicle. It was further agreed that the Coventry City of Culture Trust will be established as a company limited by guarantee with charitable status, with David Burbidge (Chair of the City of Culture Steering Group) serving as Chair and Company Secretary. Councillor Abbott, as Cabinet Member with portfolio responsibility for City of Culture, was proposed by the Chair as the Council's representative on the new Trust.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed that the City Council be represented on the Board by the appointment of Councillor Abbott.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 Not applicable

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 The appointment will take effect from the date of the Council Meeting.

5. Comments from the Executive Director of Resources

- 5.1 Financial implications

Not applicable

- 5.2 Legal implications

The company will be a company limited by guarantee [and/or charity] and so any person appointed by the Council to its Board will be a director of the company. There is always a possibility that at some point there may be a conflict of interest between the representative's role on the Council and their position as Director. Officers have considered this point and are satisfied that the likelihood of this happening is small. Under the circumstances it is considered appropriate to make the appointment to the Board.

6. Other implications

Not applicable

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