

Subject: The GLA Culture Team and Place-Based Culture Initiatives

Report to: Regeneration Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 26 June 2019

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1. This report sets out the background for a meeting with invited guests to discuss issues relating to the Greater London Authority (GLA) Culture Team and place-based culture initiatives.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee agrees the areas for consideration set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report for this meeting.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee notes this report as background to the discussion with invited guests on the GLA Culture Team and place-based culture initiatives and notes the subsequent discussion.**
- 2.3 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chairman, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree any output from the Committee's meeting on the review of the work of the GLA Culture Team and place-based culture initiatives.**

3. Background

- 3.1 In 2017, the Regeneration Committee sought out the views from those working in the culture and creative sector on what needs to be done for London to maintain its status as the creative hub that it is and safeguard London's cultural venues, studio and work spaces despite the fast pace of regeneration in the city. The Committee made a number of practical recommendations on how to achieve sustainable culture-led regeneration in its report *Creative Tensions*¹.
- 3.2 Since the report, a number of Mayoral initiatives have been launched. These include the Creative Enterprise Zones, Creative Land Trust, London Borough of Culture, and importantly, the Cultural

¹ <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/london-assembly/london-assembly-publications/creative-tensions>
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Infrastructure Plan, which is an action plan setting out how London can support and grow cultural spaces in London for generations to come.

4. Issues for Consideration

4.1 Members may wish to:

- Look at the delivery of the Cultural Infrastructure Plan, related initiatives and assess the extent to which the Regeneration Committee’s recommendations from 2017 have been implemented; and
- Scrutinise the Mayor’s work and GLA spend on culture and creative industries.

Invited guest

4.2 The following guest has been invited to the meeting:

- Shonagh Manson, Assistant Director – Culture and Creative Industries, Greater London Authority.

4.3 The Committee is recommended to delegate authority to the Chairman, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree any output from the meeting.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications to the GLA arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report: None

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List of Background Papers: None

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