

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Inclusive Growth, Culture and Sport)

Date: 13th December 2017

Subject: Leeds 2023 European Capital of Culture Bid – Update

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Introduction

1. During its meeting on 26th July 2017, the Inclusive Growth, Culture and Sport Scrutiny Board received a detailed overview of the work undertaken to-date in developing the Leeds 2023 European Capital of Culture Bid and expressed its support, recognising the cultural and economic value a successful bid could have to the city and the wider region.
2. As well as agreeing to monitor progress with the city's European Capital of Culture Bid, the Board was also keen to monitor and inform the development of a delivery plan linked to the city's new Culture Strategy 2017-2030, which was formally adopted in July 2017. As such, an update report on the Culture Strategy Delivery Plan is already scheduled into the Board's work programme for its meeting on 17th January 2018.
3. However, in light of recent developments surrounding the eligibility of the UK to host European Capital of Culture in 2023, the Chair has now requested that the Scrutiny Board receives a verbal update on this matter from the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council during today's meeting.

Recommendation

4. Further to the Board's discussion, Members are asked to determine what, if any, further Scrutiny action it may wish to undertake.

Background documents¹

5. None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.