

Learning & Culture Policy & Scrutiny Committee

10 May 2017

Report of the Assistant Director (Communities and Equalities)

York Theatre Royal: 2016/17 End of Year Performance Update

Summary

1. This report is to inform the Scrutiny Committee of the progress and performance of the York Theatre Royal.

Background

- 2. In 2016/17 the Council provided the theatre with a one-off capital grant of £770k. This grant represents the Council's financial support to the theatre for the 4 year period to 2020/21. The purpose of the Council's financial support is to enable the theatre to:
 - Maintain and develop York Theatre Royal as a local, regional and national theatre provider, creating productions of quality, daring, delight and accomplishment for the citizens of York and the region, and for visitors to the city.
 - Continue to develop local and nationally significant programmes of work with partnerships across the UK and internationally, that contribute to making York a vital and vibrant city and extending our reputation for world class culture.
 - Encourage creative expression and engagement with the community, through a diverse programme of work, both on and off stage, that offers a cultural mix of entertainment, innovation, participation and enjoyment.
 - Develop work and activities that promotes the enjoyment of Theatre with older people and diverse communities.
 - Work in active partnership with business, education, community and arts organisations, and local authority service providers to extend both the range and reach of the Theatre's work.
- 3. The theatre has committed to continue reporting on its work against these outcomes. Reports are brought to Scrutiny Committee twice a year. Annex A sets out in detail the work undertaken in the second 6 months of 2016/17 and the plans in development for the future.

Consultation

4. This report is for information only and there is no consultation to consider.

Options

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Council Plan

6. York Theatre Royal contributes to a number of corporate objectives including "visitors, businesses and residents are impressed with the quality of our city".

Implications

- 7. **Finance:** In 2016/17 the Council provided a one off capital grant of £770k to cover a four year period.
- 8. The report has no additional implications relating to:
 - Human Resources
 - Legal
 - Crime and Disorder
 - Information Technology
- 9. **Equalities.** Annex A sets out the contribution the Theatre makes to support our Equalities agenda.

Risk Management

10. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy there are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendations

11. The Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the report and comment upon the progress that the Theatre has made in the last 6 months.

Reason: To fulfil the Council's role as a funding body.

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Wards Affected: For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers: None

<u>Annexes</u>

Annex A: York Theatre Royal Performance report