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**Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy &  
Scrutiny Committee**

**14 September 2015**

**Guildhall Development Review Introductory Report**

**Purpose of Report**

1. The report provides an overview of the background information on the proposals (as developed to date) for the future use of the Guildhall complex. Members are asked to note the information provided and agree to a future meeting with external consultees, to enable Members views to feed into a future Executive report on the possible commercially viable uses for the complex.

**Background**

2. On 13 July 2015, the Executive Leader, Finance and Performance & Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Economic Development & Community Engagement, attended the meeting of this Committee to report on their priorities and challenges for 2015/16. The Executive Members confirmed that work on proposals for the use of the Guildhall as a Media Arts Centre had been put on hold pending officer's preparation of a robust business case and examination of other commercially viable uses for the complex, in conjunction with partners.
3. The Committee agreed their interest in scrutinising the issues around the Guildhall and requested that a report be provided at this meeting to inform discussions around their possible future involvement.
4. In late July 2015 the Executive subsequently agreed that if other Members wished to scrutinise the issues around the Guildhall proposals it could be carried out either via a Scrutiny Committee or an Executive working/steering group.
5. This Committee's interest in participating was later noted and it was therefore agreed with officers that this Committee be the body to scrutinise the issues.

## **Proposals for Future Development of Guildhall**

6. The report attached at Annex A presents introductory information on the ongoing work together with a summary of the key points, events and milestones to date. This information has been provided by the Guildhall Project Manager, who will be in attendance at this meeting to answer any questions arising.

## **Consultation**

7. This is to be followed by an additional meeting of this Committee on 16 September 2015 @ 5.30pm, to allow Members to meet with the external consultees listed below:
  - David Fraser – new Chief Exec of York Civic Trust
  - Chris Bailey – Chair of York@Large
  - Richard Flanagan – a Chartered Surveyor and York property specialist
8. A report on the four proposed options for the future use of the Guildhall, together with analysis of the potential viability will be provided for the meeting with the consultees. Feedback from both meetings will be fed into a report for the October meeting of the Executive.

## **Report Recommendation**

9. Members are recommended to:
  - i. Note the background / introductory information provided in the report at Annex A.
  - ii. Provide initial feedback for officers to note.
  - iii. Confirm their attendance at the additional meeting of this Committee be held on 16 September 2015 @ 5.30pm, to meet with the external consultees listed in paragraph 7 above.

Reason: To ensure cross party feedback into the Executive's consideration of the future development of the Guildhall complex.

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**Report  
Approved**



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**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** *N/A*

**Wards Affected:** Guildhall Ward

**All** ☐

For further information please contact the author of the report

**Background Papers:** see list of reports at annex A

**Annexes:**

**Annex A** – Background report on the proposals for the future use of the Guildhall