

1. ARTS POLICY ACTIONS BY COUNCIL UNITS

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The purpose of this report is to outline actions that Council Units are either undertaking or would like to undertake commencing in 2002/03 which are related to the Council's Arts Policy.

BACKGROUND

Council Units were asked to note down what actions if any that they were undertaking or starting in the 2002/03 financial year. They were also asked what else they could do with present funding, and what else could be done with a modest increase in funding. A further question asked them what they thought other units could be doing to meet the aims of the Arts Policy.

INFORMATION GATHERED

There were seven Council Units who responded with relevant information on their work in relation to the Arts Strategy. These were Community Relations, City Development Group, Parks and Waterways, Leisure, Gallery, Libraries and the Policy Directorate. The data has been matched against the Art Policy's objectives and summarised in the attachment with the exception of the Gallery Unit. Their numerous activities revolve around the collecting, displaying, researching and caring for the arts, and are related to all the goals of the Arts Strategy.

In terms of current actions, all goals in the Arts Policy had most, and in some cases all, of their objectives containing activities carried out by Council Units. The area most underrepresented was goal six, ie 'Arts in Enterprise, Tourism and Economic Development'.

Compared to last year's survey of the Council actions, more activities were being carried out for goal two (Arts and Iwi) and goal five (Arts and the Natural and Built Environment). Fewer activities were noted for goal four (Arts Infrastructure) and goal six.

The three Units who noted other projects that could be currently undertaken mentioned activities that concerned goal five. Enhancing venues used by the public for arts was mentioned by Parks and Waterways, while Community Relations stated developing an outdoor display gallery near the New Brighton Pier.

Four Units listed activities across several goals (particularly goal one) that they felt could be undertaken with a modest increase in funding. Examples were Parks and Waterways noting more staff, Community Relations noting the need for a community development funding scheme for health related arts projects, and Leisure citing more youth arts programmes.

The activities that Units felt others could be doing revolved around Goal Five. These were mainly to do with the perception that Units' capital and property works projects should have an allocation for artworks in their budgets.

The Committee **decided**:

1. That the information be received.
2. That the City Streets Unit be invited to report on their current activities, in line with the Arts Policy Strategy.
3. That all Council units be asked to report on their progress towards achieving the arts projects identified for the year and provide details of their proposed projects that contribute to the Arts Policy Strategy to the Committee at the commencement of each year.