

3. DRAFT ARTS POLICY

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The reason for this report is to seek the approval of the Draft Arts Policy prior to seeking community views on it.

INTRODUCTION

The process to review the existing Arts and Culture Policy was initiated sometime ago. More recently a number of meetings and focus groups have been carried out with staff, a wide range of people from the arts sector, with representatives of a number of Asian cultures and with Maori. In May a seminar was held with the Community Services Committee at which the results of the meetings and focus groups were discussed.

A Draft Arts Policy (attached) has been prepared by the staff working group and approval is now sought to seek community views on the draft policy.

NEXT STEPS

A process of seeking community views on the Draft Arts Policy is planned which will involve a wide range of individuals and organisations from the Arts sector and groups representing different cultures including Maori. In addition the views of community boards and relevant staff will be sought.

When the Seeking Community Views process is completed, the Draft Arts Policy will be amended and a final policy presented for consideration with a summary of the views expressed.

Recommendation: That the Committee approve the Draft Arts Policy in preparation for seeking community views on it.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted subject to input from Councillor Paddy Austin.