

3. DRAFT ARTS POLICY AND STRATEGY

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The purpose of this report is to inform and seek feedback from the Community Services Committee regarding the draft Arts Policy and Strategy (as attached).

BACKGROUND

The Arts Policy has been under review for over a year. Earlier this year a number of meetings and focus groups were conducted with people from the arts sector, Maori, representatives of a number of Asian communities, and Council staff. A seminar was held with the Community Services Committee in May. Based on the feedback from these meetings a draft Arts Policy was developed.

The draft policy was presented to the Community Services Committee in August. The Committee agreed that officers seek community views on that draft policy. However, at this time there was some discussion regarding the advantage of seeking views regarding an Arts Strategy at the same stage as comments of the draft Arts Policy. The initial intention was that once the policy was completed work would begin on developing a strategy. This work would include consultation. It was subsequently agreed that it would be wiser to combine these processes and seek feedback on the draft policy and a strategy at the same time.

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A draft Arts Strategy has been developed based on the proposed policy. This draft Arts Policy and Strategy is attached to this report.

We are in the process of seeking feedback from the arts sector, Council units and Community Boards.

The Community Services have previously approved the draft policy. This is an opportunity to now comment on the draft Strategy. For example, we welcome comments regarding:

- Has the strategy identified the correct roles of the Council?
- Are the principles the right basis for the Arts strategy?
- Are there any changes or additions you would like to the goals and objectives?
- What actions should to be included in the strategy?

NEXT STEPS

Based on Committee, Community Board, Council Unit and the community feedback we will redraft the policy and strategy. We will also develop specific action points for each objective. A revised strategy will be represented for Community Services Committee consideration in early 2001.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Committee note that the Arts policy and strategy development processes have been merged.
 2. That the Committee provide feedback on the attached draft Strategy.

Chairman's

Recommendation: Not seen by the Chairman.