

9. DRAFT ARTS POLICY AND STRATEGY

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The purpose of this report is to seek feedback from the Community Board regarding the draft Arts Policy and Strategy.

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 on the draft Arts Policy.

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A draft Arts Strategy framework has been developed based on the proposed policy. This draft strategy is **attached** to this report.

We are now seeking feedback from the Community Board regarding the draft policy and strategy. For example we welcome comments regarding:

- Do the policy and strategy identify the correct focus/outcomes?
- 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 Board feedback and feedback from the community consultation, we will redraft the policy and strategy. We will also develop specific action points for each objective. A revised strategy will be represented for Board consideration prior to its submission to Council for endorsement.

Recommendation: That the Board provide feedback on the draft Arts Policy and Strategy

Deputy Chairman's Recommendation: For discussion.