

7. DRAFT ARTS POLICY AND STRATEGY

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The purpose of this report is to seek feedback from the Board 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 2000. 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 2000. 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.

Arts Policy and Strategy

A draft Arts Strategy framework has been developed based on the proposed Policy. This draft Strategy is attached.

We are now seeking feedback from the Board regarding the draft Policy and Strategy. For example, comments on the following would be welcomed:

- 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 the Board's feedback and comments from community consultation, the Policy and Strategy will be redrafted. Specific action points will also be developed for each objective. A revised Strategy will be presented for the Board's consideration prior to its submission to Council for endorsement.

Recommendation: That the Board delegate authority to the Community Affairs Committee to provide feedback on the attached draft Strategy, at a meeting to be held prior to mid December 2000.