

REVIEW OF THE COURTYARD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Report By: The Courtyard Review Group

Wards Affected

County-wide.

Purpose

1. To consider the findings of the Courtyard Review Group following the review of The Courtyard Centre for the Arts.

Background

2. During consideration of the 2004/05 Capital Programme by Cabinet at its meeting on 22nd July, 2004, the Chairman, Councillor A.C.R. Chappell, advised that he wished to carry out a scrutiny review of the funding arrangements for The Courtyard Centre for the Arts.
2. At the Social and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee on 24th September 2004, the Committee agreed to undertake a review and also agreed the Scoping Statement (terms of reference) and the membership of the Review Group.
3. The Review Group conducted a review of The Courtyard with the objective of establishing the historic background of the establishment; reviewing the contribution Herefordshire Council makes and to consider how best to strike a balance between sustaining a key arts facility and the benefits to the wider community. The aim of the review was to advise the Cabinet Member (Community and Social Development) on the best framework to put into place in respect of the future involvement of Herefordshire Council with The Courtyard.
4. The Review Group's report setting out the Groups approach to its task, its findings and conclusions is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee considers the report of the Courtyard Review Group and determines whether it wishes to agree the findings for submission to Cabinet.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None identified.