

THE COURTYARD REVIEW - UPDATE

Report By: Director of Policy and Community

Wards Affected

County-wide.

Purpose

1. To consider the response of Cabinet and the Board of the Courtyard to the report of the Courtyard Review Group.

Financial Implications

2. None.

Background

3. At its meeting on the 31st January 2005 the Committee approved the report of the Courtyard Review Group on the future funding arrangements with the Council.
4. The Review Group's report was considered by Cabinet on 17th February 2005. One of the recommendations had been that the Courtyard should receive an interim one-year funding agreement from the Council. Cabinet concluded that a three-year funding agreement would be more appropriate and provide more stability for the organisation as there were concerns that a one-year funding agreement could undermine the Courtyard's position with the Arts Council. Officers have also been asked to investigate whether it would be possible to provide some funding from the Children's Services Budget.
5. Cabinet has also requested that the Review Group be reconvened at an appropriate time to monitor the situation at the Courtyard and provide a further report.
6. At its meeting on the 31st January the Committee agreed to invite the Board of the Courtyard to respond to the report of the Courtyard Review Group at its next meeting.
7. The response of the Courtyard Board is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT: (a) the response of Cabinet to the report of the Courtyard Review Group be noted;

and

(b) the response of the Board of the Courtyard to the report by the Courtyard Review Group be noted.

Further information on the subject of this report is available from
Jane Jones, Director of Policy and Community on 01432 260037

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Report of the Courtyard Review Group 31 January 2005.
- Cabinet Report to Council 11 March 2005.

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