Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee 24 July 2024

Museum and Galleries Service Review

Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer

1 Purpose

1.1 To scrutinise the outcomes of the Museums and Galleries Service Delivery Model Assessment (DMA) and make recommendations to the Executive Member, where appropriate, on the work underway to develop a new delivery model.

2 Action required

2.1 The Committee is asked:

- 1) to make any comments or recommendations in response to the report from the Executive Member for Carbon Reduction, Leisure and Culture on the work undertaken as part of the DMA and on any emerging work plans; and
- 2) to consider whether any further scrutiny of the issue is required (and, if so, to identify the focus and timescales)

3 Background information

- 3.1 At the February 2024 meeting, the committee received an item on the work undertaken around Nottingham Castle to re-open it and what was taking place to ensure it remained open to the public. The committee heard that a Delivery Model Assessment (DMA) was underway, covering the whole Museums and Galleries Services that had been undertaken following approval at Executive Board in March 2023 as part of the work brining the Castle back under Council control, but at the time of the committee was not yet complete.
- 3.2 At the same meeting the Committee received an item outlining the 2024/25 budget proposals for the Leisure and Culture portfolio that highlighted the need to reduce costs within the service, although no specific savings were identified as the DMA was still under way.
- 3.2 During the work planning period Committee members expressed an interest in further reviewing the work around the DMA once complete and requested the opportunity to review any wider recommendation arising from the DMA.

4 List of attached information

4.1 Outcomes from the completion of the Decision Model Appraisal (DMA)

- Museum & Gallery Service Briefing
- 4.2 Outcomes from the completion of the Decision Model Appraisal (DMA) Museum & Gallery Service presentation slides
- 5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information
- 5.1 None
- 6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report
- 6.1 The Castle: Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee 7 February 2024. (agenda item 3, minute number 28)
- 6.2 Nottingham Castle Strategy: Executive Board 21 March 2023. (agenda item 9, minute number 119)
- 6.3 Service Impact of Budget Proposals: Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee 7 February 2024 (agenda item, 4 minute number 27)
- 7 Wards affected
- 7.1 All
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