

Cultural Commission

NOTE OF BOARD MEETING: 23 MARCH 2005 AT THE MELVIN HOUSE HOTEL

Present:., Shonaig Macpherson (4pm), George Black (2pm), Colin Marr, James Boyle, Bryan Beattie, Rachel Blanche, Ian Ritchie, Stuart Thomas, Martin Osler and Gaynor Davenport,

1: Apologies	Lucy Mason, Brian Laing, Gorden Jeyes
2. Minute of meeting 2a	Minutes of 2 March accepted . Agenda re-ordered.
3. Voluntary Sector	<p>Recommendations and West Lothian Case Study – Papers 6 & 7</p> <p>The report was discussed and the summary of recommendations was accepted. Rachel presented the West Lothian Case Study highlighting the benefits of having a local voluntary arts development co-ordinator in place.</p> <p>Key points of the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The remit of VADC fits with that of the culture co-ordinator's role • National roll out would need strong umbrella body to facilitate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - networking platform - volunteer/support services - training
4. Irish Tax System	<p>Tax benefits in Ireland was discussed as summarised in Paper 8</p> <p>Board agreed that secretariat should meet with Irish contacts to pursue.</p>
5. Media/PR Update	<p>Martin Osler tabled recent press cuttings and provided the following advice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to hold "Line to Take" - no rebuttal action required at present. • Agreed not to pursue Press Interviews with Board' members. • Agreed James Boyle to circulate news bulletin/key facts to all Commission' stakeholders – Board to approve circular in advance • Commission continue to be subject of FOI enquiries • Handover of report and aftermath to be discussed with Minister • Martin to liaise further with Iain Monk, SE Press Office • Board Members agreed to one or two follow up Board meetings after May
6. Governance Paper	Paper 5 – Governance in the cultural sector – see Annex 1/restricted policy
7. Parliamentary Declaration	The poem written by Don Paterson was unanimously accepted.
8. Table of Contents	Board agreed general approach and structure of Final Report. See Annex 1 – restricted policy
9. Work Flow	Board agreed suggested work flow. See Annex 1 – restricted policy
10. Infrastructure Options Appraisal	<p>Bryan Beattie presented revised papers on core functions and draft options appraisal report for discussion.</p> <p>Board accepted options and agreed to feedback comments on receipt of revised papers. See Annex 1 – restricted policy</p>
11. Cultural Think Tank Discussion Paper	<p>Paper 9 was discussed.</p> <p>James Boyle to provide feedback to working group.</p>

National Festivals	<p>See Annex 1 – restricted policy</p> <p>Paper on Nat. Festivals & Events Sector Meeting tabled and noted</p>
12. Any other business	<p>Staffing update Replacement secretary for James to start 4 April Temp. part-time project manager to start 14 April</p> <p>Enterprise and Culture Committee 20 April James to attend – agreed to focus on “process” .</p> <p>Research Reports A summary of reports Feb/March tabled for information</p> <p>Secretariat agreed to circulate the following papers</p> <p>Scotecon Report SNP submission BMJ – Cultural Activity/Improved Health SAC – Cultural Audit Summary</p> <p>Ian Ritchie agreed to circulate report on Health and Well Being.</p>
13: Date and time of next meetings	<p>Monday 18 April 2.30:19:30 Glasgow City Chambers Wed 27 April 9.30:17:30 Ramada Jarvis Hotel, Perth Friday 13 May 2.30-17:30 Melvin House Hotel, Edinburgh Friday 27 May 2:30-17:30 Glasgow City Chambers (tbc)</p> <p>Minister will be invited to meeting end of May to discuss final report.</p>