

**South Ayrshire Council**

**Report by Depute Chief Executive and Director - People  
to Partnerships Panel  
of 12 February 2020**

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**Subject: Ayr Gaiety Performance Report**

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**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to invite members of the Partnerships Panel to scrutinise the performance of the Ayr Gaiety Partnership (AGP).

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Panel scrutinises the performance of the Ayr Gaiety Partnership in delivering the activities required as part of the agreement for Council funding.**

**3. Background**

- 3.1 On 22 March 2012, the Council agreed to support a partnership between the Council, AGP and the University of the West of Scotland. As part of this agreement and working to lever in other external funding, AGP were asked to deliver:

- the theatre as a community resource and a performance and display space for local arts organisations;
- a centre of excellence for education and training;
- links with UWS to deliver an education programme and re-enforcement of Ayr as a University town; and
- volunteering opportunities.

- 3.2 In December 2017, Council agreed a 3 year funding package for AGP:

- 2018/19 £125,000;
- 2019/20 £115,000; and
- 2020/21 £100,000.

- 3.3 In addition to this financial support, the Council agreed that it would offer a secured loan of £650,000 at a rate of 2.5% over 5 years. This is being drawn down in 4 tranches and the first tranche has been paid to the Ayr Gaiety Partnership.

#### **4. Proposals**

- 4.1 Ayr Gaiety Partnership is an important partner in delivering the Council's strategic objectives to increase access to arts and culture in South Ayrshire. A summary of their activities is set out in [Appendix 1](#). Officers have been working with them on aligning their activities with the Council's strategic objectives.

#### **5. Legal and Procurement Implications**

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.
- 5.2 There are no procurement implications arising from this report.

#### **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report since the financial package for the Gaiety has already been agreed by Council.

#### **7. Human Resources Implications**

- 7.1 Not applicable.

#### **8. Risk**

##### **8.1 *Risk Implications of Adopting the Recommendations***

- 8.1.1 There are no risks associated with adopting the recommendations.

##### **8.2 *Risk Implications of Rejecting the Recommendations***

- 8.2.1 There is a risk that rejecting the recommendations will mean that the Council misses the opportunity to scrutinise an external body that it provides funding to.

#### **9. Equalities**

- 9.1 The proposals in this report allow scrutiny of performance. The report does not involve proposals for policies, strategies, procedures, processes, financial decisions and activities (including service delivery), both new and at review, that affect the Council's communities and employees, therefore an equality impact assessment is not required.

#### **10. Sustainable Development Implications**

- 10.1 ***Considering Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)*** - This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme or strategy or document otherwise described which could be considered to constitute a plan, programme, policy or strategy.

#### **11. Options Appraisal**

- 11.1 An options appraisal has not been carried out in relation to the subject matter of this report.

## **12. Link to Council Plan**

- 12.1 The matters referred to in this report contribute to the Council strategic objective of 'Make the Most of the Local Economy' and within that to the outcome 'Work with partners to improve and promote tourism opportunities and assets, to create a co-ordinated programme of events and activities'. The Gaiety have started to map their activities onto the Council's strategic outcomes and this is shown in Appendix 1.

## **13. Results of Consultation**

- 13.1 Consultation has taken place with Councillor Brian McGinley, Portfolio Holder for Economy and Culture, and the contents of this report reflect any feedback provided.
- 13.2 Consultation has taken place with local Members, and the contents of this report reflect any feedback provided.

**Background Papers**    **None**

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