



## Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel

### Briefing Paper

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## Cultural Strategy and Action Plan

### 1. Summary

1.1 The Action Plan for Wyre Forest as part of the Cultural Strategy for Worcestershire was sent for consultation to partners following the meeting of this committee on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009. It is proposed that a final document incorporating these comments is then sent to Council for adoption (the County Cultural Strategy and the local action plan for Wyre Forest.)

### 2. Background

2.1 The previous Cultural Strategy for Worcestershire was due to be renewed at the end of 2008 and through the Cultural Theme Group (Wyre Forest is a partner), this was re-written and is attached to this report.

2.2 The Corporate Performance Assessment inspection in 2007 concluded that WFDC provides 'good' Cultural Services but also wanted the Council 'to set out a clear strategic vision and aims for Cultural Services'.

### 3. Key Issues

3.1 The Worcestershire Cultural Strategy is a collaborative document which is due to be launched on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009 and has been worked up by the Cultural Theme Group (part of Worcestershire Partnership).

3.2 The Action Plan for Wyre Forest has been out for consultation with the following partners:

- Community Housing Group
- PCT
- Youth Support Service
- County Sports Partnership
- Extended Schools
- Wyre Forest Arts Forum

3.3 The outcome of the consultation responses is to be tabled at the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September as the closing date for consultation responses was 21<sup>st</sup> August which is after the print deadline for this committee. The original action plan is attached to this report.

#### **4. Options**

4.1 The Scrutiny Panel endorse the action plan, including comments from partners, for Wyre Forest and the Cultural Strategy and refer to Council for adoption.

#### **5. Consultation**

5.1 The consultation process was carried out through the Scrutiny Panel and the named partners as in 3.2 above. Results of the consultation will be tabled at the meeting and highlighted in alternate colour.

#### **6. Related Decisions**

6.1 There are no related decisions

#### **7. Relevant Council Policies/Strategies**

7.1 There are links to the Community Strategy, Safeguarding Children Policy and Children and Young People Plan.

#### **8. Implications**

8.1 There are no resource implications other than those already in the Council's and other partners approved budgets.

8.2 Projects and activities are in line with the Council's policies on Equality and Diversity.

8.3 Many of the projects and activities involve partnership working.

**9. Wards affected**

9.1 All.

**10. Appendices**

10.1 County Cultural Strategy for Worcestershire 2009-13.

10.2 Action Plan for Wyre Forest.

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