

<b>Title of Report:</b> <b>Collaborative Resilience Project Update</b>	<b>Officer Presenting: Head of Culture</b> <b>Author: Arts &amp; Culture Manager</b>
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## **1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations**

- 1.1 To update Members on the proposed collaborative resilience project to be delivered in partnership with the Arts Council of Northern Ireland (ACNI) and to seek Member approval for the initiation of a procurement process in partnership with ACNI.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 To fulfil ACTION 4C 'Ensure that arts and culture organisations in the North West are ready for investment through tailored capacity building programmes...' under AIM 4 of the Arts & Culture Strategy to 'Invest in the potential of our creative citizens and sector' it was previously agreed that Council establish a new resilience fund of £50,000 per annum (BC28/19). However, this ambition was not realised in the subsequent agreed annual rates budget.
- 2.2 In a subsequent meeting (BC57/20) Council agreed to re-profile £50,000 from other resources for the purposes of delivering a resilience programme. This investment would be utilised to develop resilience, efficiencies, collaboration and innovation across the arts and culture sector in the DCSDC area. The programme would be strategic in nature and focus on specific elements within the sector where intervention was most needed. The Arts Council of Northern Ireland (ACNI) have confirmed their proposed match funding of £50,000 for the delivery of this programme is still available. This will, therefore, allow for the procurement of a £100,000 collaborative resilience programme to be delivered.

## **3 Key Issues**

- 3.1 Council Officers have been in liaison with ACNI and the DCSDC Arts & Culture Strategy Co-Delivery Group in the compilation of an appropriate terms of reference (ToR) for this programme. ACNI and DCSDC will establish a partnership agreement in advance of initiating the procurement process for service delivery.

- 3.2 It is envisaged that an invitation to participate will be extended to those organisations in current receipt of Councils Cultural Organisations Fund, Headline Events Fund and culture related Service Level Agreements as well as those receiving ACNI Annual Funding Programme or Project Lottery Funding.

#### **4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement, Rural Needs and other Implications**

- 4.1 The resources for the Collaborative Resilience Programme will be drawn from Member approved budgets.

#### **5 Recommendations**

- 5.1 Member approval for the initiation of a procurement process for the delivery of the Collaborative Resilience Programme in partnership with ACNI.

#### **Background Papers**

**None.**