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Public Realm and Environment Scrutiny Committee – 11 October 2023

Creative and Cultural Strategy 2018 - 2027, Refreshed Strategic Priorities

The Committee recommends that the Cabinet Member for Economy and Culture considers the following in the refresh of the Creative and Cultural Strategy 2018 – 2027:

- The demand for a medium sized venue of around 800 seats in the city, and the benefits of earmarking a site for this in the New City Plan.
- How the strategy can promote learning and an understanding of the rich historical heritage of the city, which includes Roman, Anglo Saxon, Medieval and Victorian settlements within its environs.
- How the strategy can celebrate the rural heritage of Milton Keynes.
- How the strategy can take recognise the incredible diversity of people and heritages in our city, and recognise that different cultures celebrate their heritage in different ways, for example through food, events, clothing and fashion.
- The importance of broadening the engagement with schools, to give all children and young people resident here the opportunity to be involved with culture, heritage and the arts.
- That Councillors, and in particular the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, can be valuable ambassadors for the cultural and creative life of the city, and to consider how best this resource can be deployed.
- That cultural sector employment opportunities should be open to all ages of city residents.
- That the iconic neon lighting of the Point be represented and remembered in a suitable manner, for example by inclusion on a suitable landmark building in Central Milton Keynes.
- That consideration be given to how new technology can be used to increase the reach of events in Central Milton Keynes to local centres, for example by the use of video screens.
- That consideration be given to the economic and cultural opportunities that could be provided by the lunchtime economy in Central Milton Keynes.

Road Safety in Residential Areas

The Committee notes that the e-scooter trial will be evaluated in the near future and recommends that the Cabinet Member for Climate and Sustainability gives due consideration to a) a requirement for future contractors be obliged to install a device that makes ample warning noise in order to alert pedestrians to the approach of an e-scooter, and b) that measures and obligations are put in place that require the deposit of e-scooters at a suitable parking place to eliminate the random dumping of e-scooters and the nuisance and potential dangers caused by that