
Report To:	The Inverclyde Council	Date:	9 October 2014
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Subject:	The Greenock Arts Guild Board		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Council of the progress made by the Greenock Arts Guild Board since the Council meeting on 5 June 2014.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Councillor Martin Brennan resigned from the Greenock Arts Guild Board in January 2014. At the meetings in April and June 2014 the Council decided to defer consideration of appointments to the Board.
- 2.2 Regular meetings have taken place between senior officers of the Council and representatives of the Greenock Arts Guild and the Beacon Theatre including the Chair of the Board, the Artistic Director and the Finance Officer.
- 2.3 The main issues of discussion have been cash flow, the final cost of the building project and improvements in Board governance.
- 2.4 Notification has now been received of the resignation from the Board of the Council's remaining representative, Councillor David Wilson.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Council is asked to note the resignation of Councillor David Wilson from the position as Director on the Board of the Greenock Arts Guild.
- 3.2 The Council is asked to note the position and to defer consideration of Member appointments to the Board of the Greenock Arts Guild until the next meeting on 4 December 2014 to allow the Board to implement their Recovery Plan, including a Board development plan and skills and equality audits of Board Directors.

4.0 CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 Following the Annual General Meeting on 16 June 2014 there have been several changes to the membership of the Greenock Arts Guild Board including the appointment of a new Chairman (Allan Robertson) and a new Company Secretary. The Directors have made a commitment to implement the Board Recovery Plan and to meet the requirements of the Council's Chief Finance Officer in regard to 'Following the Public Pound'.
- 4.2 The Board has provided the information requested by Council officers and is making good progress with the agreed Recovery Plan actions. It would be appropriate to consider the Council nominations to the Board once this is satisfactorily completed in late autumn.
- 4.3 Councillor Wilson resigned as a Director of the Greenock Arts Guild Board on 5 September 2014. The Council currently does not have any nominated Directors on the Greenock Arts Guild Board.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

5.1 Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (if Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

Legal

5.2 N/A

Human Resources

5.3 N/A

Equalities

5.4 Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

Yes See attached appendix

No This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Repopulation

5.5 N/A

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 N/A

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 N/A