

## PARTNERSHIPS PANEL

Minutes of the Meeting held remotely on  
23 March 2022 at 10.00am

**Present:** Councillors Arthur Spurling (Chair), Douglas Campbell, Ian Cavana, Ian Davis and Martin Dowey

**Attending:** L. Reid, Assistant Director – Place; M. Newall, Assistant Director – People; W Carlaw, Service Lead – Democratic Governance; A. Mutch, Co-ordinator (Sports and Leisure); L. Kerr, Co-ordinator (Destination, Promotion and Inclusive Participation); Jeremy Wyatt, Chief Executive – Ayr Gaiety; F Maher, Committee Services Officer; C. Buchanan, Committee Services Officer, C. McCallum, Clerical Assistant, E. Moore, Clerical Assistant

### 1. Sederunt & Declarations of Interest

The Chair took the Sederunt and outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting and advised that this meeting would be broadcast live.

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

### 2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on [9 February 2022](#) (issued) were submitted and approved.

### 3. Action Log

The Assistant Director – People provided the Panel with an update on the status of the [Action Log and Work Programme](#).

**Decided:** to note the content of the Action Log and Work Programme

### 4. Ayr Gaiety Partnership Performance Report and Funding Request

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 14 March 2022 by the Assistant Director – People inviting Members of the Panel to scrutinise the performance of the Ayr Gaiety Partnership (AGP) and to note the funding request as set out in Appendix 1.

The Co-ordinator (Destination, Promotion and Inclusive Participation) advised the Panel of the following amendments to the Report which had been supported by the Portfolio Holder, Councillor Chris Cullen.

**2.1.2 notes the request for additional funding and that officers will refer the matter to the Leadership Panel for consideration.**

In addition there would be a small amendment to paragraph 4.4 of the report.

**4.4 Members of the Partnerships Panel do not have authority to approve the request for financial assistance outlined at 4.3 and, accordingly members**

***note that officers will refer the matter to the Leadership Panel for consideration.***

The Co-ordinator (Destination, Promotion and Inclusive Participation) also invited Jeremy Wyatt, Chief Executive – Ayr Gaiety to provide the Panel with an update.

A Member noted that in terms of recommendation 2.1.2, a request for additional funding would be made to the next available Leadership Panel following the Local Government Election on 5 May 2022. The Chief Executive – Ayr Gaiety commented that viability would be maintained in the meantime.

A Member enquired if there were any projects pre-Coronavirus that had been deferred, along with funding, to 2022; and the Chief Executive, Ayr Gaiety advised that significant funding had been received from Creative Scotland for specific projects (e.g. Wallacetown, Dementia Friendly, Girvan and Maybole) which was currently ringfenced.

The Chair thanked the Co-ordinator (Destination, Promotion and Inclusive Participation) and the Chief Executive, Ayr Gaiety for their informative report.

The Panel, having scrutinised the performance of the Ayr Gaiety Partnership

**Decided:** to note the request for additional funding and that Officers will refer the matter to the Leadership Panel for consideration.

The Chair thanked Members and Officers for their support over the past two meetings.

**The meeting concluded at 10:33am**