

The Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon

783rd Plenary Meeting

15 November 2023

Kevin Rafter, Chair, Jillian van Turnhout, Dónall Curtin, Aoife Granville, Brian Lavery, Melatu Uchenna Okorie, Teresa Buczkowska, Róise Goan, Philomena Poole, Andrew Clancy, Linda Coogan Byrne.

In attendance:

Maureen Kennelly, Director, Martin O’Sullivan, *Deputy Director & Company Secretary*, Ciara Branagan, *Council Secretary & Payroll Manager*.

Note: Meeting took place in person and via Zoom video conference.

Documents before the meeting

Agenda

[REDACTED]

Minutes of Plenary Meeting held on 18 October 2023

Plenary Action Tracker

Operational Matters for Decision

Director’s Report and Matters for Information

[REDACTED]

Donations Policy

RAISE

Appeals Panel Recommendations

Awards and Schemes

For Information:-

- Audit and Risk Committee – Minutes 29 June
- Business and Finance Committee – Minutes 20 June
- Policy and Strategy Committee – Minutes 10 May
- Risk Register
- Communications Report

23 – 11 – 146 Apologies

Mark O’Kelly

23 – 11 – 147 Chair’s Introduction

Conflicts of Interest- The Chair **noted** that members had already declared their conflicts and requested members to declare any further conflicts that they may have with the agenda items and reminded members to advise him of any conflicts that may arise during the course of the meeting.

[REDACTED]

23 – 11 – 148 Minutes of Plenary Meeting

Members **agreed** the Minutes of meeting held on 18 October 2023 subject to the following amendment-

[REDACTED]

23 – 11 – 149 Matters Arising

Members **noted** the action tracker.

23 – 11 – 150 Operational Matters for Decision

Festivals - Associate Partnership - Special EU Programmes Body Application – Members **approved** recommendation to become an Associate Partner.

Bellaghy Bawn Funding Support– Members **approved** the recommendation.

[REDACTED]

Touring 2024 Delegated Authority- Members **approved** the recommendations.

23 – 11 – 151 Director's Report and Matters for Information

Creative Schools in alternative settings – Members **noted** the update.

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HR update – Members **noted** the update. Members wanted more information on what Diversity means in the AC context. Members **noted** that paper with EDI update coming to December Plenary Meeting.

Arts Grant Funding 2024 Update – Members **noted** the update.

Visual Arts Workspace Scheme 2024 – Members **noted** the panel decisions.

Arts and Health National Partnership Update – Members **noted** the update.

National Per Cent for Art Committee Update – Members **noted** the update.

Director's Diary Report – Members **noted** the update.

23 – 11 – 152 Committee Reports

Collections Committee Meeting 2 November 2023

Dónall Curtin, Committee Chair, updated Members as follows:-

Members **agreed** the report and recommendations of the Collections Committee. Members also **agreed** that the template used for the recommendations should be retained for future Committee reports. Members expressed their thanks to the Committee Members.

Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting 01 November 2023

Jillian van Turnhout, Committee Chair, updated Members as follows:-

- Minutes 6 Sept 2023 were approved;
- Noted updated Committee TORs had been approved by Council;
- Guidance on Policy Champions noted;
- Update of Funding Framework noted and agreed that a report on discovery phase will be brought to January meeting;
- Research framework approach noted;
- EDI research presentation welcomed noted that Report will be published;
- Draft Street Performance & Spatial Policy update noted;
- Place, Space and People Policy implementation update on progress noted and welcomed;
- Review of Theatre Policy 2024 Discussion Paper noted;
- Architecture Policy implementation plan progress update noted;
- Creative Schools DCU evaluation report and plan for next phase of development was discussed;

Members **agreed** the report and recommendations of the Policy & Strategy Committee.

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23 – 11 – 153

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23 – 11 – 156 [REDACTED]
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23 – 11 – 157 Donations Policy

Members **agreed** the recommended Policy.

23– 11 – 158 RAISE

Members **noted** the update. Members **agreed** that the timeline around the 'next steps' may need to be extended.

23 – 11 – 159 Appeals Panel Recommendations

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Members **approved** the Appeals Panel recommendations.

23 – 11 – 160 Awards and Schemes

Members **noted** the Awards and Schemes

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

23 – 11 – 161 Matters for Information

Committee Minutes – Members **noted** the minutes,

Risk Register – Members **noted** the report. Members conveyed their thanks to the Senior Finance Manager for all improvements made to the report.

Communications Report - Members **noted** the report.

23 – 11 – 162 Any other business

[REDACTED]

There were no other matters arising.

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