

The Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon

793rd Plenary Meeting

23 October 2024

In Person attendance:

Maura McGrath, *Chair*, Philomena Poole, *Deputy Chair*, Jillian van Turnhout, Brian Ó Gaibhín, Brian Lavery, Richard Yarr, Gaby Smyth, Gary Granville, Andrew Clancy and Teresa Buczkowska.

Virtual attendance:

Aoife Granville.

Executive 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

Minutes of Plenary Meeting held on –

- 25 September 2024

Plenary Action Tracker

Director’s Report and Matters for Information

Business and Finance Committee Update Report

Audit and Risk Committee Update Report

Council Diary 2025

Appeals Panel Recommendations

Awards and Schemes

For information –

- Risk Register

24 – 10 – 114 Apologies

None.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

24 – 10 – 116 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 her of any conflicts that may arise during the course of the meeting.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

24 – 10 – 117 Minutes of meeting held on 25 September 2024

Members **agreed** the minutes of meeting held on 25 September 2024.

24 – 10 – 118 Matters Arising

Members **noted** the action tracker. In addition, the Director highlighted all material changes since the September update.

[REDACTED]

24 – 10 – 119 Director’s Report

Members were updated on matters of importance. [REDACTED]

Matters for Information

Arts Grant Funding 2026 Approach- Members **noted** the update.

Irish Language Theatre Award 2025- Members **noted** the proposed approach. Members **agreed** that consideration needs to be given on how best to disseminate the related research work undertaken.

[REDACTED]

Tradition Now Partnership 2025- Member **noted** the update.

[REDACTED]

Pay the Artist – Project Update– Members noted the update and proposed toolkit.

Oliver Dowling Visual Arts Bursary Award 2025 – Members **noted** the update noting that this bursary award will be run in 2025 in his honour.

24 – 10 – 120 Committee Reports

Business and Finance Committee Meeting 09 October 2024

Members **approved** the report. [REDACTED]

Audit and Risk Committee Meeting 10 October 2024

Members **approved** the report. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

24 – 10 – 122 Council Planning

Council Diary 2025 – Members **noted** that the Diary couldn't be fully agreed until the Committee and Council meeting schedule could be better aligned. Members **agreed** that the Q1 2025 meeting dates be agreed and scheduled into Members' diaries.

24 – 10 – 123 Appeals Panel Recommendations

[REDACTED]

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Members **approved** all the recommendations.

24 – 10 – 124 Awards and Schemes

Members **noted** the awards. In relation to Festivals Round 1 2025 Members **agreed** that the schedule of grantees should be circulated via the Reading Room and should include the date and location of each festival.

24 – 10 – 125 Matters For Information

Risk Register - Members **noted** the report.

24 – 10 – 126 Any other business

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

There were no other matters arising.