

**ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL**

**GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE**

**(under regulations 10(1) and 10(3) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 (“the Regulations”))**

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet intends at its meeting to be held on Thursday 15 July 2021 at 5pm at County Hall to make an executive decision regarding the Southampton City of Culture Bid. This decision is regarded as a ‘key decision’ and ordinarily under regulation 9 of the Regulations at least 28 clear days’ notice is required to be given in advance on the Forward Plan, setting out that a key decision is to be made, the matter in respect of which the decision is to be made, the name of the decision-making body and its members or the name of the individual decision maker, the date on which, or the period within which, the decision is to be made, a list of the documents submitted, the address from where copies of documents may be obtained, notice that other documents may be submitted to the decision maker and the procedure for requesting details of these documents (if any) as they become available. Where such notice is impracticable, a general exception notice may instead be given in accordance with regulation 10 of the Regulations. The Monitoring Officer has by written notice informed the Chairman of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee of the matter about which the decision is to be made, including that there are the recommendations:

- To support the Southampton 2025 expression of interest for the UK City of Culture bid by confirming the Isle of Wight as a regional partner and providing an initial £10,000 contribution for this purpose, from within the existing budgets available for strategic partnerships.
- To instruct council staff to work with the bid team to identify the most appropriate programme of activities to take place, should the bid be successful, to support the Island's cultural regeneration and maximise the economic and cultural benefits for the Island.
- Should the SO2025 bid be successful, then the additional funding as a regional partner of £10,000 per annum for the five years up to and including 2026 be the first call on the council's regeneration budget in each of those years.

The reason why it was impracticable to have complied with the standard advance notice requirement is the bid needs to be submitted this month and the decision cannot reasonably be deferred. The background is that Southampton 2025 trust, with the support of Southampton City Council, have committed to submitting a bid to secure Southampton becoming the UK City of Culture 2025. A successful bid is seen as bringing cultural and economic benefits to the wider Solent region, as well as the city itself, as the area continues to recover from the worst effect of the Covid-19 pandemic. A financial contribution of £10,000 from the Council is being requested that will confirm the Isle of Wight as regional partner to be included with the Expression of Interest for the bid, required to be submitted in July 2021.

A copy of this notice has been made available for inspection by the public and published on the Council's website.

Dated 7 July 2021

Signed: Christopher Potter, Monitoring Officer