ASSEMBLY

30 MARCH 2011

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Title: Appointment to an Outside Body - CREATE For Decision

Summary:

CREATE is an annual arts festival that is held in July each year. In previous years the programme has been co-ordinated and delivered by the then five Olympic Host Boroughs. Now that Barking and Dagenham is officially recognised as the sixth Host Borough, the Borough will now be featured in the CREATE festival programme from 2011 onwards.

To ensure the long term viability for the festival after the 2012 Games, the Host Boroughs Joint Committee, of which the Council is a member, has decided to create an independent company to manage the future delivery of the festival.

Each Host Borough has been requested to nominate a Member (responsible for culture and sport) to sit on the Board of Directors of the company. Accordingly this report requests that the Assembly appoints the portfolio holder for culture and sport to represent the Council on the CREATE board.

Wards Affected: None

Recommendation(s)

The Assembly is recommended to agree the appointment of the Cabinet Member for Culture and Sport to the Board of Directors of the CREATE festival company as from the date of its incorporation.

Reason(s)

To ensure the Council is represented on the CREATE Board of Directors.

Comments of the Chief Financial Officer

The recommendation contained in this report does not commit the Council to any capital or revenue expenditure.

Comments of the Legal Partner

The Host Boroughs Joint Committee has decided to form a company with charitable status to take forward and secure the sustainability of the CREATE festival. The Memorandum and Articles of Incorporation for the new company provide, in accordance with a decision of the Joint Committee, that one councillor Member of each of the Host Boroughs shall be nominated to the Board of Directors of the new company. The Joint Committee expects that that Member shall be the Member with responsibility for sports and culture in each Borough. Each of the six Host Boroughs have or are in the process of obtaining and submitting their respective nominees to the CREATE Board in order that the company can be incorporated and commence business by 1 April 2011.

This report is prepared in order to secure the nomination of the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham.

Under Part C of the Constitution, the power to make nominations to outside bodies is reserved to the Assembly and accordingly this report is being submitted to Assembly to approve the nomination in accordance with the Recommendation.

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