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### Summary

Members are asked to note the Education, Cultural and Creative Learning and Skills Strategies Annual Action Plan 2020/21 with allocated budget in **Appendix 1**.

### Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

### Main Report

#### Background

1. The Education Board has oversight over three City Corporation strategies: The Education Strategy, The Skills Strategy and The Cultural and Creative Learning Strategy, running from 2019-2023. Prior to each academic year, an Annual Action Plan for these strategies with aligned budget is presented to the Education Board. An Annual Impact Report is then presented each November meeting which reports on the outcomes and impact of delivering the Action Plan over the previous academic year.
2. As the Action Plan follows the academic year and not the financial year, Members should note that the budget alignment is across both the 2020/21 (September 2020 to March 2021) and 2021/22 (April 2021 to August 2021) financial years. The budget alignment is based on the itemised budget for 2020/21 financial year approved by the Education Board at their meeting on 16 January 2020 and makes the assumption that the overall budget envelope will be sustained in the 2021/22 financial year.

#### Current Position

3. The Annual Action Plan for academic year 2020/21 is included in **Appendix 1** and will focus on the delivery of the following strategic goals:
  - a) Pupils in the Family of Schools have access to transformative education, enabling them to achieve their potential, flourish and thrive
  - b) The Family of Schools deliver exceptional education that meets the challenges and skills requirements now and, in the future
  - c) Education is safe, inclusive, supportive and empowering for all
  - d) There is high quality exposure to the world of work at all stages of education to enable learners to make informed career choices
  - e) ASES delivers high-quality adult education, training and apprenticeships which transform the lives of adult learners
  - f) There are accessible opportunities for pupils to access the learning opportunities that the City's cultural, heritage and environmental assets offer

- g) Children and young people are empowered to reach their full potential in and through the arts
  - h) Learning experiences promote the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century fusion skills
4. The Action Plan shows the alignment between the overarching strategic goal, the high-level actions (which represent programmes of work), the activities delivered over the year, the budget and the outcomes which will be reported against in the Impact Report submitted in November 2021.

### **Implications**

5. The circumstances brought about COVID-19 have been considered in the development of the 2020/21 Action Plan and budget alignment, especially noting the likelihood of social distancing in school settings in the Autumn Term and possibly beyond. As with the delivery of the 2019/20 Action Plan, the Strategic Education Unit will actively respond to the national guidance as it is published and monitor its implications for the delivery of planned activities, following contingency plans where required. All significant deviations from this Action Plan and budget will be reported to the Education Board at the next possible meeting.

### **Conclusion**

6. Members are asked to note the Education Strategy Unit and partners will deliver the Annual Action Plan over academic year 2020/21 and report the outcomes and impact to the Education Board in November 2021.

### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 - Education, Cultural and Creative Learning and Skills Annual Action Plan 2020/21

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