

Committee: Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee	Date: 14 June 2021
Subject: Report of Action Taken	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	3, 4, 7, 8, 10
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	No
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
Report of: The Town Clerk & Chief Executive	For Information
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Summary:

This report provides details of decisions taken under urgency procedures since your last meeting.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

Main Report

Request for Decision Under Urgency (Standing Order 41A) – New Diorama Theatre Memorandum of Understanding

1. The opportunity arose for a the City Corporation to collaborate with New Diorama Theatre (NDT) in support of a project that will see rehearsal rooms, meeting and collaboration spaces, design studios and other facilities delivered at Broadgate from a period of 12 months from July 2021.
2. The spaces will be free to use for London artists who have been hard hit by the pandemic. As such, the project is aligned with both the recommendations of the **Lord Mayor's Culture and Commerce Taskforce and the City Corporation's Recovery Taskforce**, enabling London's creative and leisure sectors to thrive through a mutually advantageous collaboration between culture and commerce, noting the involvement of British Land as a major sponsor.
3. The collaboration will not be legally-binding and will not obligate the City Corporation to deliver any financial support nor preferential treatment for NDT. Rather, it will enable the City Corporation to better align the project with its taskforce ambitions, to demonstrate that tangible outcomes of the taskforces are already taking place and to embed the facility within the local creative community while endorsing the project to enable NDT to grow its funding base and secure new partners.

4. Decision was sought under urgency as a press release announcing that NDT will be occupying the site was scheduled to be released in May, prior to the committee's next meeting.
5. The Town Clerk therefore agreed, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of your Committee, to delegate authority to the Cultural and Visitor Development Director to enter a collaborative relationship on behalf of the City Corporation with New Diorama Theatre.

Request for Decision Under Urgency (Standing Order 41A) – City Arts Initiative Recommendations to the Committee

1. The City Arts Initiative (CAI) met on 8 April 2021 and considered one public art proposal – the **London Festival of Architecture Benches**, for installation at the end of May in the Cheapside and Aldgate footprint.
2. Following a competition for design proposals, CAI shortlisted 11 entries, with the intention of installing seven in the City.
3. An urgent decision was sought in order to install the benches in time for the London Festival of Architecture, taking place from 1-30 June 2021.
4. The Town Clerk therefore agreed, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of your Committee, to ratify the CAI's recommendation to approve the **London Festival of Architecture Benches**, subject to fulfilment of the access recommendations and ongoing consultation from the City Highways Team and Planning.

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