

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CULTURE, HERITAGE, AND SPORT COMMITTEE
HELD ON FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2022 AT THE CAYGILL ROOM, THE
PIECE HALL, BLACKLEDGE, HALIFAX HX1 1RE**

Present:

Mayor Tracy Brabin (Chair)	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Councillor Jenny Lynn	Calderdale Council
Helen Featherstone (Deputy Chair)	Local Enterprise Partnership Board
Nicky Chance-Thompson	The Piece Hall
Nathan Clark	Brudenell Social Club
Boluaji Fagborun	East Bierley Community Sports Association
Amy Foster	Creative Scene
Alan Lane	Slung Low
Deborah Munt	Culture, Wellbeing and Social Impact Developer
Sam Nicholls	Music Local
Kamran Rashid	Impact Hub Bradford
Ben Walmsley	University of Leeds
Catherine Mitchell (Advisory Representative)	Arts Council
Dominic Bascombe (Advisory Representative)	Equity UK
Richard Butterfield (Advisory Representative)	Historic England
Matt Wanstall (Advisory Representative)	Musician's Union
Sam Keighley (Advisory Representative)	Yorkshire Sport Foundation

In attendance:

Philip Witcherley	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Rebecca Collier	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Peter Glover	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Jim Hinks	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Ben Kearns	West Yorkshire Combined Authority

11. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Smalley, Councillor Pryor, Councillor Ferriby, Halima Khan, Leigh-Anne Stradeski, Caroline Cooper Charles, Philippa Childs, and Wieke Eringa.

12. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

In relation to item 8, Sam Nichols declared that he worked for an organisation that provided support to the music sector.

13. Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no items on the agenda that required the exemption of the press and public.

14. Minutes of the Meeting held 21 July 2022

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 July be approved.

15. Chair's Update

The mayor thanked the Piece Hall for hosting the committee and provided an update on events in the cultural sector since the last meeting:

- The 30th anniversary of Eureka! And the 15th anniversary of the partnership between the University of Leeds and Opera North working on the DARE partnership.
- That Sam Nicholls had been nominated for a Local Hero award by BBC Music Introducing at the AIM awards.
- The appointment of an Executive Director and a Creative Director at Bradford 2025.
- That the National Literacy Trust had been appointed to deliver the West Yorkshire Poet Laureate project.
- That the Combined Authority was unsuccessful in its application to the DCMS Create Growth Programme.

16. Economic and Sector Reporting

Members considered a report that provided the latest economic data for the sector.

The committee discussed the cost of living crisis and its impact on the sector, which threatened participation as consumers had less disposable income. Members expressed concern regarding the adverse impact on the creative offer provided by schools which were vulnerable to being cut to save resources to cover increased energy prices.

Members noted the response to a query raised at the July meeting of the committee regarding the ending of kickstarter funding and the undertaking of an online survey of West Yorkshire businesses.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

17. Calderdale Presentation

Members received a presentation from Calderdale Council on their plans for a year of culture.

The Committee thanked Bobsie Robson for her presentation and welcome the emphasis on a culture to inspire happier and healthier lives. Members discussed the need for social prescribing and to emphasise the link between culture/sport and mental physical wellbeing.

Members noted that Calderdale's sport offer was part of a different strategy but would be aligned closely with the year of culture.

Resolved: That the presentation be noted.

18. Culture, Heritage, and Sport Framework

Members considered a report which set out the development of the Culture, Heritage, and Sport Framework since the last meeting.

Members were supportive of the framework and emphasised the importance of aligning with the Local Authority cultural offer to strengthen and not duplicate interventions.

The Committee discussed the way in which the framework would enable the Combined Authority to take a strategic longer term approach to culture policy in the region, for example in skills and talent pipeline. Members also discussed the possibility for the Combined Authority to pilot ideas and test interventions that Local Authorities would be unable to do.

Members had a discussion around a suggested approach to the music industry and the best way to target support within the cultural framework in order to build assets and enable a more targeted approach to the sector.

The Culture, Heritage, and Sports Framework would be taken to a future meeting of the Combined Authority for approval and a programme for delivery would be development and brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

Resolved: That the Committee notes the update on the Cultural, Heritage and Sport Framework, advises of any final amendments, and approved the Framework for publication.

19. Wakefield Presentation

The Committee received a presentation from Wakefield Council on their plan for the year of culture in 2024.

Members thanked Julie Russell from Wakefield Council for the presentation.

Resolved: That the presentation be noted.

20. Update on Creative Catalyst

Members considered a report that provided an update on schemes in delivery and development as part of the Creative Catalyst programme.

The Committee noted that Accelerator and Export Labs delivered by Indielab are both in delivery and performing well and that the Mentoring scheme and Creative Collectives were both being finalised

The Creative Industries Showcase document was attached at appendix 1 to the submitted report and contained over 30 case studies to highlight investment and partnership opportunities in the region. The launch was planned for late November and further information would be provided to committee members ahead of the event.

Resolved: That the update on the Creative Catalyst programme be noted.

21. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is the 26 January 2023