

UK CITY OF CULTURE 2025

1. RECOMMENDED:

That the Cabinet support the approach as outlined below.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Attached as Appendix 1 is a letter from the Chief Executive of Southampton City Council seeking this Council's support for the City Council's UK City of Culture bid.
- 2.2 Given the potential benefits for the New Forest's community and economy, it is proposed that the Council expresses its initial support for the bid.
- 2.3 Relevant NFDC Portfolio Holders will initially engage with the City Council to discuss the matter, with a view to identifying any further commitments. The Council will be kept informed as necessary.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 None as a consequence of this report.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL, EQUALITY & DIVERSITY AND CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None as a consequence of this report.

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Background Papers:

None