

Cabinet Meeting Resolution

**Executive  
Forward Plan  
Reference**

**E3688**

**Cultural Development Plan**

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| <b>Date of Meeting</b>                                                                         | 12-Mar-26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>The Issue</b>                                                                               | To consider the plan that will guide the Council's approach to arts and culture over 2026 and 2027.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>The decision</b>                                                                            | To approve the Cultural Development Plan 2025-2027.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Rationale for decision</b>                                                                  | Adopting the Cultural Development Plan as a central pillar of the Council's place-shaping strategy will deliver long-term benefits for BANES. The plan positions culture as a driver of regeneration, economic growth, and social cohesion, ensuring that investment in heritage and creativity underpins planning and infrastructure decisions. It aligns with corporate priorities on health, wellbeing, and inclusive communities, while strengthening the district's identity and visitor economy. Endorsing this approach will enable the Council to leverage cultural assets to attract investment, foster innovation, and create vibrant, sustainable places that reflect our shared ambitions for the area. |
| <b>Other options considered</b>                                                                | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>The Decision is subject to Call-In within 5 working days of publication of the decision</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |