



Present

Members: Alderman Knight-McQuillan (Chair), Councillor Mairs, Alderman S McKillop

Officers: Moira Quinn, Director of Corporate Services (DCS), Stephanie McLaughlin, Business Support Officer

Agenda No.	Item	ACTION
1.	Apologies	
	Apologies were received from Alderman Boyle, Councillor McShane, Councillor Peacock, Councillor Stirling	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
	There were no Declarations of Interest.	
3.	Notes of Meeting held on 19 February 2024 (previously circulated)	
	The Notes of the Meeting held on 19 February 2024 which had previously been circulated were agreed.	
4.	Proposal for International Women's Day 2025 (report previously circulated)	
	A report on Proposal for International Women's Day 2025 was previously circulated. The DCS explained that at the Women's Working Group Meeting on 19 February 2024, ideas to celebrate IWD 2025 had been sought.	

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	<p>She stated that it had been proposed to investigate the possibility of the Mayor hosting a Reception in the Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre with invited representatives from Community Groups across the Borough being invited for Morning tea on Friday 07 March 2025 and to include relevant key speakers.</p> <p>The DCS also mentioned that as International Women's Day is an opportunity to not only remember the struggles and resistance that women across the world have endured but also to recognise the many achievements that have been won, this will be an excellent opportunity to have an exhibition of notable women from the Borough.</p> <p>She went on to explained that the Council's collection is currently being checked for suitable exhibits and it is proposed to extract the Women from the 'Famous Sons and Daughters' exhibition and have this displayed in the Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre.</p> <p>It was pointed out that Council has not set aside any budget for this event but that the Museums section is in possession of the above-mentioned exhibition and it is anticipated that the Mayor will meet the costs of the Reception.</p> <p>At this point, the DCS referred to the Draft Action Plan and advised that this would be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting in order for work to recommence.</p> <p>Recommendation: It was agreed to recommend to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee that work continues to organise this event in order to mark International Women's Day 2025.</p>	<p>DCS</p> <p>DCS</p>
5.	Conferences	
	There were no Conferences.	DCS

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	It was agreed that should details of any Conferences regarding International Women’s Day be received, that nominations be considered by the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee at its next meeting.	
6.	Any Other Relevant Business	
	There was no other AORB.	
7.	Date of Next Meeting	
	<p>The DCS advised that she is currently liaising with Democratic Services in order to set aside suitable dates for quarterly meetings going forward.</p> <p>Alderman S McKillop joined the meeting remotely at 16:17 and Alderman Knight-McQuillan gave a quick recap of the proposal for International Women’s Day 2025.</p>	DCS

This being all the business the meeting closed at 16:20