

Council		
Title	Constitutional Matters: Broadway Theatre Working Group	
Key decision	N/A	
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Class	Part 1 (open)	30 March 2016

Reason for lateness and urgency

The report has not been available for five clear working days before the meeting and the Chair is asked to accept it as an urgent item. The report was not available for dispatch on Thursday 17 March 2016 as this matter was not considered by the Constitution Working Party until 21 March. The report cannot wait until the next meeting in June 2016 because the delay would impede the timely completion of the final report.

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report asks that a time limited Working Group be extended for six months or until the completion of a final report and recommendations, whichever is the sooner.

2. Purpose

- 2.1 An extension would allow the group to complete its work on exploring options for the future of the Theatre.

3. Recommendation

The Council is asked to consider a recommendation from the Constitution Working Party to extend the life of the Broadway Theatre Working Group by six months or until the completion of a final report, whichever is the sooner.

4. Background

- 4.1 Following a decision by Council on 24 June 2015, the Broadway Theatre Working Group (BTWG) was established with the following terms of reference and composition:-

“Without prejudice to the remit of the Safer Stronger Select Committee, to explore any proposals for the future of the Broadway Theatre over the course of the municipal year 2015/16.

To make any comments it considers appropriate about those proposals to the Mayor and Cabinet.

The Working Group will consist of 6 members (7 if the councillor outside the majority party wishes to sit on the Group) and will cease to exist at the end of May 2016.”

- 4.2 The BTWG met on 1 September 2015, 4 December 2015, and 1 February 2016. At the meeting on 1 February 2016, the following was agreed:

RESOLVED that a request be made to Overview and Scrutiny Committee to extend the lifespan of the time-limited Broadway Theatre Working Group by 6 months.”

- 4.3 The request was forwarded to the Constitution Working Party at a meeting held on March 21 2016 and that group agreed to propose an extension of six months or to the completion of a report exploring options for the future of the Theatre, whichever happened soonest.

Background Information

For any further information on this report call Kevin Flaherty on 0208 3149327