



Subject:	Request to Present – Grand Opera House
Date:	9th January 2019
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To consider a request from the Chief Executive of the Grand Opera House to present details of the Grand Opera House's restoration and development project to the City Growth and Regeneration Committee.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to agree to receive a presentation on the Grand Opera House's restoration and development project at a future meeting.

3.0	Main Report
	<p data-bbox="272 226 432 259"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="181 275 1469 562">3.1 The Grand Opera House is one of the city’s key cultural and heritage assets located in the Central Business District of the city. It continues to deliver a wide range of productions and presents a varied programme of musicals, drama, ballet, opera and family shows. The Grand Opera House has also increased its delivery of creative learning activity throughout the year, working with a greater number of schools and other organisations than before. In 2017-2018, it attracted an audience in the region of 285,700.</p> <p data-bbox="181 629 1469 712">3.2 The Grand Opera House is currently in receipt of £35,000 per annum through the Council’s Core Multi Annual Funding (CMAF) programme 2016 to 2020.</p> <p data-bbox="181 779 1469 965">3.3 In January 2020, the Grand Opera House Trust will begin a once-in-a-generation £11million restoration project. This coincides with its 125th year and aims to return the heritage and cultural asset to its former glory, enhancing the public areas of the theatre and showcasing the history of the Grand Opera House through a new and vibrant exhibition.</p> <p data-bbox="181 1032 1469 1218">3.4 Heritage Lottery funding has supported the development of proposals to restore the main auditorium and permanent visitor exhibition. These proposals will be assessed with the potential of securing further funding of approximately £4.5m Heritage Lottery Funding; however, additional funding will be required to deliver on the £11m restoration project.</p> <p data-bbox="181 1285 1469 1368">3.5 The Chief Executive of the Grand Opera House has requested the opportunity to present on the restoration and development project.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1435 788 1469"><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="181 1485 1182 1518">3.6 No Council budget allocations have been made to support this project</p> <p data-bbox="272 1585 1198 1619"><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p data-bbox="181 1635 906 1668">3.7 There are no implications attached to this report.</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	None