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Culture and Visitor Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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A Presentation - Embracing Digital Technology

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Recommendation (s) to the decision maker (s)

- 1. To note the actions taken by the Cultural Services team to provide a digital programme during the closure of Stamford Arts Centre and the Guildhall Arts Centre due to the Covid-19 pandemic.**
- 2. Advise on the future role and scope of this initiative post lockdown.**

1 Financial Implications

- 1.1 Digital engagement will be funded through the Cultural Services allocated programme budget and where appropriate and possible supported by funding received from Arts Council England.

Financial Implications reviewed by: Richard Wyles, Interim Director of Finance

2 Legal and Governance Implications

- 2.1 There are no specific Legal and Governance Implications relating to this initiative.
- 2.2 The programme will respond to industry requirements and standards relating to Copyright, Performing Rights issues and relevant permissions from participants.

Legal Implications reviewed by: Director of Law and Governance

3 Equality and Safeguarding Implications

- 3.1 The programme is specifically targeted at a digital audience during the enforced closure of Stamford Arts Centre and the Guildhall Arts Centre due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Some residents will not be able to engage with the material due to issues accessing the internet and social media platforms.
- 3.2 Where possible, some areas of the programme will be shared more broadly with residents through exhibitions and events held at both arts centres when it is physically possible to reopen an arts programme to the general public.
- 3.3 The initiative will provide residents access to a wide range of events without the need to leave their homes, travel or pay for tickets.
- 3.4 Where necessary, relevant permissions will be sought to include content from children and young people.

4 Risk and Mitigation

- 4.1 None.

5 Community Safety Implications

- 5.1 None.

6 How will the recommendations support South Kesteven District Council's declaration of a climate emergency?

- 6.1 A digital programme will support a significant reduction in producing printed material and reducing the need for participants and attendees to travel to events.

7 Other Implications (where significant)

- 7.1 None.