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Report on the Implementation of the Cultural Strategy

The provisional title for the Conference is **Connecting the City through Culture: Dublin City Council's role in the Cultural Life of Dublin.**

Just as in the development of the new 'joined up' City Arts Plan this conference will set out the investment in cultural infrastructure and programmes annually by Dublin City Council and highlight specific examples from all Sections and Departments that are involved in Cultural activity. These will include but not be limited to Libraries, Parks, Arts Office, Events Unit, Community Development, Planning, Public Domain, Hugh Lane, Temple Bar Cultural Trust, Dublin City Council Culture Company, Area Offices and more.

The format of the Conference is still being devised but the inclusion of speakers to engage from outside the Council on their experience, appreciation and understanding of the City's role is key to its success. International speakers from other Cities in Europe as well as participation by attendees in influencing and giving feedback is central to any conference of this importance. Strategic Partnership will be a key theme. Other Statutory Agencies will be asked to collaborate and highlight their partnerships with DCC.

There is remarkable cooperation in the Arts and Cultural Community and between the Business and Residential communities in Cultural Activity. Dublin City Council's facilitative approach coupled with developmental, statutory and funding initiatives form a very important part of the 'nervous system' of Dublin's Cultural life. As a Capital City made up of neighbourhoods and commercial districts, Dublin hosts National as well as International cultural events that in turn require the flexibility that Dublin City Council shows in ensuring Dublin's international reputation.

It has been long acknowledged that the general Public and other public and private agencies do not realise the extent of DCC's involvement and support for Culture and this Conference is a first step in taking responsibility for our part in making this visible.

An outline programme for the Conference is scheduled for the next SPC in January 2019. The date now set for the Conference is April 26-28 (incl) 2019.

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