

Recommendations for Cabinet that will resolve in an action being taken:

Arts and Culture Forum 26 November 2025

Minute 8 East Devon Cultural Strategy progress and budget request

RECOMMENDED by the Arts and Culture Forum:

that Cabinet approve the request of an internal budget of £37,500 to continue the successful delivery of the Cultural Strategy in 2026/27 as part of the budget-setting process.

Minute 9 Thelma Hulbert Gallery update

RECOMMENDED by the Arts and Culture Forum:

that Cabinet note and support a funding bid to the Arts Council to support the Thelma Hulbert Gallery to:

- Enrich the Exhibition Programme by delivering an ambitious engagement programme that benefits the wider East Devon community — including local schools and our expanding Youth Network.
- Develop the Youth Network into a region-wide platform that extends beyond the gallery, engaging young people who may not otherwise have access to creative opportunities — such as those with school-related anxiety and young people leaving care.
- Reframe opportunities for young people by introducing live projects and creative briefs designed to build skills, confidence, and pathways into the creative industries.
- Expand internship opportunities through partnerships with Exeter College and support for care leavers.
- Continue to focus on the climate emergency by developing Climate Conversations into a Climate Symposium – a day to carve out space and time to inspire creatives to protect and enhance the natural environment through their creative practice, share expertise and network in a participatory, supportive and solutions focused event of interactive workshops and talks.