

Appendix A: Consideration of comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

No.	Comment from Members	Reasons from the Committee	Executive Member/Officer Comment	Recommended Action
1.	Trustees of the established charity to be from within the district's arts and cultural sector	Member believes this would provide a voice for the sector within the charity	Executive Member recognised the benefit and should an arts-focused charity be established agreed to encourage and seek nominations from the arts and cultural sector. The Executive Member sees coverage from this sector sitting alongside people with a range of relevant skills in areas such as fundraising, finance, marketing and comms	To bear in mind when trustee roles are being developed, the charity enables people from the arts and culture sector be considered for these roles.
2.	Favoured a council only nomination route for trustees	This structure would afford the charity maximum independence from the council	Executive Member recognises the need to balance legitimate council influence with the charity's tangible independence of the council. Executive Member recognises the need for further legal advice	To seek further legal advice at this point
3.	Venue Director of BEAM should be considered as a trustee	Members believe this would provide an expert voice on the board of trustees	Executive Member recognises the importance of drawing on relevant skills and experience	Should the charity proceed, the council will determine how best to incorporate its own skills and expertise to the benefit of the charity, and whether individual officers could be trustees, providers of services to the charity, or both
4.	Prioritise establishing charity before	To safeguard the legacy of Arts in East Herts	Executive Member for Communities shares Overview and Scrutiny Committee members' concerns to establish as soon	Subject to principle support being given, officers to prioritise establishing the charity

	local government reorganisation is completed		as possible, by the end of financial year 26/27 at the latest	
5.	Design the charity to extend outreach potential of BEAM	To maximise the potential of BEAM's outreach work for the benefit of the whole district	Executive Member agreed	When seeking any future legal advice explore options for maximising BEAM's outreach work within the structure of the charity
6.	If Executive agrees to the establishment of a charity at that point seed funding should be offered by the council	To provide financial certainty at the beginning	Executive Member agreed this could be beneficial	Executive and officers explore the potential for this
7.	Individual Members enquired whether the charity would be duplicating the work of other organisations in the district	Would this charity duplicate existing work in the district	Executive Member understands some arts venues are charities. The proposed charity would not duplicate as the new charity would be a fundraising and grant giving body. Executive Member also appreciates there are grant giving bodies (Herts Community Foundation) but aren't focused on the arts specifically, nor East Herts alone. The Executive Member understands that the registered charity,	No further action required

			The Arts Society of East Herts focuses on education through funding attendance at arts talks. This offer doesn't provide beneficiaries with the opportunity to take part in arts themed classes and workshops	
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