REPORT TITLE: Cultural Events Task and Finish Group

To: Services, Climate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (19 November 2026)

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Wards affected:
All

1.	**Introduction**
1.1	**Remit and purpose.** This item recommends creating a Task and Finish Group on the Cultural Events Programme. **Scrutiny functions.** Holding the Executive to Account; Policy Development or Review; Performance Monitoring. **Next steps.** It is recommended that the proposed Task and Finish Group reports back to the Committee with its final recommendations at the 11 March 2027 meeting.
2.	**Recommendations for Scrutiny**
2.1	It is recommended that the Committee: 1. Consider and approve the attached scoping document (Appendix 1). 2. Decide on membership of the proposed Task and Finish Group.

3.	**Background and key issues**
3.1	Cultural events were identified by Members as a potential scrutiny topic following the SCC Committee's informal discussion on future work programming in June. Following discussions with the Chair, Vice-Chair and relevant officers, it is proposed that the review be undertaken through a Task and Finish Group.
3.2	The topic is considered particularly suited to a Task and Finish approach as it will require detailed evidence gathering, engagement with stakeholders and consideration of longer-term policy options which would be difficult to accommodate within a single committee meeting.
3.3	The Constitution outlines the role of Task and Finish Groups at Cambridge City Council: *5.16. Task and Finish Groups* • *5.16.1 Task and Finish Groups may be set up by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to carry out detailed work in relation to specific topics or issues. The Overview and Scrutiny Committees will decide what Task and Finish Groups are set up and what their terms of reference will be. These will include deciding the membership of the group and the proposed dates of reporting to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.* • *5.16.2 Only one Task and Finish Group should be set up at any one time for each Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a maximum of two Task and Finish Groups per year across both Committees.* • *5.16.3 Task and Finish Groups are informal bodies and will have no decision making powers and will report to the parent Overview and Scrutiny Committee.* • *5.16.4 Task and Finish Groups will keep the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee informed of their progress. They will produce a report for consideration by the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the end of the review.*

3.4	The Committee is asked to set up a Task and Finish Group on Cultural Events with the remit and reporting dates as outlined in the Scoping Document, and the membership to be agreed at the meeting.
3.5	There is no prescribed membership number for a Task and Finish Group. In determining membership, Members may wish to consider political balance, interest in the subject matter and maintaining a group of a size that can work effectively.
4.	**Corporate Plan, Implications and Risks**
4.1	Please see Scoping Document.
5.	**Background documents** Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
5.1	None
6.	**Appendices**
6.1	Appendix 1 - Scoping Document