

Trowbridge Area Board – Thursday 15 March 2012

Matters arising from previous meeting - Arc Theatre Update

Dear Cllr. Osborn,

Thank you for your letter regarding the discussions at the Area Board meeting on the 26th of January. I, of course, agree that it is highly regrettable that the Arc Theatre will no longer be showing a programme of high quality professional work. The Arts Service is keen to see the continuation of professional arts practice within Trowbridge and I will keep the Area Board informed as developments take shape. I would hope that a presentation could be brought back to the Area Board towards the end of the year to report on what has been done to fill the void left by the Arc and to describe a clear and coherent plan for the future of the arts within Trowbridge. This plan will need to be built from the community upwards and so I should imagine that the Area Board will be one area from which views will be sought and ideas tested.

With regards to the point that you raise at the end of your letter asking to be informed what plans there are for the funding that had been allocated to the Arc I can confirm that the issue has been discussed with the Cabinet Member and it was agreed that there is a strong need to continue to invest in arts activity in Trowbridge. The mechanism for deciding on the best way to deliver that investment has not been agreed at this stage, but I am sure you will agree there needs to be a transparent and accountable process. I will keep the Area Board informed as you request.

Kind Regards

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