

# Motions and Amendments

## Culture and Communities Committee

10.00 am Thursday, 13th October, 2022

Hybrid Meeting - Dean of Guild Court Room / Microsoft Teams

### **Emergency Motion by the Labour, SNP and Green Groups**

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## Emergency Motion by the Green Group, SNP Group and Labour Group

### Culture and Communities Committee

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### Emergency Motion – Filmhouse and Edinburgh International Film Festival

Committee:

1. Believes that film has a long and proud history in Edinburgh, with the Edinburgh International Film Festival (EIFF) operating since 1947.
2. Understands how important the EIFF and the Filmhouse cinema are to the filmmaking, cinema and broader cultural heritage of the city.
3. Notes with regret that the Centre for Moving Image (CMI), operator of the EIFF and Filmhouse cinema, announced it had gone into administration on 6 October, putting at risk the future of film in the city and with deeply regrettable job loss.
4. As a priority action, wishes to ensure that support for those most impacted, the staff, is provided as urgently as possible.
5. Acknowledges the pressures at play within the cinema distribution and exhibition industry, as digital competition and new market entrants have an impact.
6. Further acknowledges the impact of rising costs and cost of living issues in the cultural ecology of the city.
7. Understands that the Council Leader and the Convenor of the Culture and Communities Committee are working with Scottish Government, Creative Scotland, Screen Scotland and all other stakeholders to examine all options for the future of the Filmhouse and EIFF, including the possibility that meantime measures are put in place for the Edinburgh Filmhouse to continue to operate and for the EIFF to run in 2023, and requests them to continue to do so.
8. Requests Council officers explore working with stakeholders to create a trust (or other suitable entity) to co-ordinate donated and other funds that will ensure the short-term future of both the Filmhouse and EIFF.
9. Requests the Council Leader and Convenor of the committee to provide the Festivals APOG with regular updates on the Council's work to support the future of the Filmhouse and EIFF.

10. Requests a report to the Culture and Communities Committee in two cycles on (a) how the shorter term future of both can be assured and the role the Council can play in this; (b) how staff are being supported by the Council; (c) How much funding CMI, EIFF and the Filmhouse have received from the Council in the past five financial years and prospects for continuing previous funding in FY 2023/4, (d) how the longer term future of both can be assured and the role of the Council in this, and (e) what can be done to support cultural and community cinema in Edinburgh.

11. Requests a verbal briefing to the December meeting of the Culture and Communities Committee regarding (a) update on the situation facing the Filmhouse and EIFF (b) the resilience of cultural organisations within the city, given the wider implications of the current environment

**Moved by** Councillor Dan Heap

**Seconded  
by** Councillor Val Walker