

**Cabinet Meeting Resolution**

**Executive  
Forward Plan  
Reference**

**E2253**

**Voluntary Sector Museums and Heritage Grants 2011-2012**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	13-Jul-11																																																						
<b>The Issue</b>	<i>The report describes the applications for revenue funding received from independent museums and heritage bodies for 2011-2012 and recommends a number of awards to be made</i>																																																						
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<b>Rationale for decision</b>	<p>The rationale behind the grant-aid criteria is to align them with the Council's vision and the Local Cultural Strategy. The rationale behind the recommendations of sum to be awarded is that these applications most closely align with the grant-aid criteria. The grants recommended are all judged to contribute to local distinctiveness and aim to engage new audiences and volunteers.</p>																																																						

**Other options considered**

One option would be for no grants to be awarded in 2011/12. This option is not recommended.

Another option would be to take a less discerning approach and meet more of the requests made by applicants by allocating the full sum available. However in view of the inadequate information provided by some applicants and the inappropriate nature of some elements of the projects for which funding was sought, this option is not recommended.

**The Decision is subject to Call-In within 5 working days of publication of the decision**