

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive Forward Plan Reference	E2172
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Grants to Voluntary Arts Organisations 2011-2014

Decision maker/s	Cllr Francine Haerberling, Leader of the Council
The Issue	<p>The Council has allocated an Arts Development budget to be invested in the commissioning of arts projects and services delivered by voluntary organisations. Grants to voluntary arts organisations are managed and monitored by the Council's Arts Development Team through Funding Agreements. Applications for grants for work to be delivered in 2011-14 (Three-year funding as a Key Strategic Organisation) and 2011-12 (One-year Arts Project Grant) were invited and assessed. Officers' recommendations for grants to be awarded, and information about the applicants, are attached as Appendices 1 and 2 of the report.</p> <p>The report recommends the Cabinet Member to decide on grants which are £5000 or under. Grants which are above £5000 are a Delegated Officer Decision by the Divisional Director, Tourism Leisure & Culture, as part of the Service Planning process. His decision will be made on the same timescale as the decision by the Cabinet Member, so that all applicant organisations receive confirmation of their funding at the same time.</p>
Decision Date	07 March 2011
The decision	<p>The Cabinet Member agrees that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Grants are awarded to voluntary arts organisations for 2011-12 (One-year funding for Arts Project Grants, amounts under £5000: Appendix 1 refers) and 2011-14 (Three-year funding for Key Strategic Organisations, amounts under £5000: Appendix 2 refers). 1.2 An allocation of £6,260 is made for small grants for Cultural Olympiad projects (Appendix 1 refers). 1.3 An allocation of £4,000 is made to Keynsham Town Council to support its Arts Development Officer post (Appendix 2 refers).
Rationale for decision	<p>The Council has allocated an Arts Development budget and officers (2.7 fte) to manage the commissioning of services delivered by voluntary arts organisations, to support and develop the voluntary arts sector, and to monitor organisations' performance against Funding Agreement performance indicators.</p> <p>The Council has a long-standing commitment to ensuring that the majority of its Arts Development budget is used to commission external providers to deliver arts activities and services.</p>

<p>Financial and budget implications</p>	<p>The total sum recommended for One-year Arts Project Grants, amounts under £5000, is £10,000 (Appendix 1 refers). This sum comprises grants to two organisations totalling £3,740 and an allocation for small grants for Cultural Olympiad projects, total £6,260.</p> <p>The total sum recommended for Three-year Key Strategic Organisations (Year 1 of 3), amounts under £5000, is £19,661 (Appendix 2 refers). Officers also recommend an allocation of £4,000 to Keynsham Town Council, to support its Arts Development Officer post.</p> <p>The following information is also presented to provide context for this report:</p> <p>The total sum budgeted for Three-year Key Strategic Organisations (Year 1 of 3), grants above £5000, is £46,000 (Delegated Officer Decision by the Divisional Director, Tourism Leisure & Culture).</p> <p>These amounts total £79,661 and have been allocated to the Arts Development cost centre for 2011-12.</p>
<p>Issues considered</p>	<p>Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Young People</p>
<p>Consultation undertaken</p>	<p>Cabinet colleagues; Town Council; Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer</p>
<p>How consultation was carried out</p>	<p>Grants to voluntary arts organisations are managed within the framework and priorities of the Arts Development Strategy 2011-14. The Strategy was developed Jan.-June 2010 through detailed consultation with the individuals and bodies listed above (Decision E2009 refers).</p>
<p>Other options considered</p>	<p>A rigorous assessment scoring system, externally moderated, was employed to ensure that officers' recommendations for funding were consistent, fair and transparent. Whilst recommendations could be made to invest greater or lesser amounts in each applicant organisation, officers advised that the recommendations put forward will ensure the best value for money from the available budget, a high quality of work delivered to residents of the local authority area, and the most strategic outcomes and benefits from the investment of resources.</p>

<p>Signatures of Decision Makers</p>	
<p>Date of Signature</p>	
<p>Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision</p>	