

Agenda Item No. 3(b)

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**6 February 2017**

Report of the Strategic Director, Economy, Transport and Communities

**ALL DANCE**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To inform the Cabinet Member of the award of a grant from Arts Council England for All Dance, an arts project for people with disabilities; to request permission to accept the grant; to advertise freelance contracts for a creative producer, specialist dance workers, and an independent evaluator; and to create a reserve for the transfer of any year end balances.

(2) **Information and Analysis** In 2012, as part of the Inspire programme of cultural celebrations allied to the Paralympic Games in London, Derbyshire worked with young people and adults with a range of disabilities to put on a celebratory day of dance. This was the first time that the dance work of people with disabilities had been showcased and celebrated, with families, friends and support workers forming the audience. It was hugely inspiring, and was very much appreciated and enjoyed by everyone involved (performers, families, carers and artists).

In 2015, a further project adapted and built on the pilot programme. Seven community dance artists were commissioned to work with eight different disability groups, each choreographing and producing their own dance piece. The project culminated in two days of dance performances.

Over the course of the project, over 100 people participated. The independent evaluation findings showed that All Dance contributed significantly to artistic, physical, behavioural, social and community outcomes. Participants experienced fun and enjoyment, a sense of achievement, improved skills and feeling valued and empowered. All Dance also helped them to build social connections and make new friends. The dance pieces were poignant, moving and lively.

Following on from these two successful pilot programmes, the County Council, in partnership with Arts Derbyshire, applied to Arts Council England for a grant to expand the work. The bid was successful and Arts Council England has awarded the County Council a grant of approximately £85,000.

The grant will enable the provision of All Dance workshops and performances across the whole County over two years. In order to run this programme, specialist dance artists will be engaged to work with groups of people with disabilities, one from each District/Borough in the County. A creative producer will be contracted to manage the whole programme, including the showcase events, recruitment of dance artists, and the development of relationships with the disability groups, venues and with other dance groups around the County to encourage more inclusive dance. An independent evaluator will also be contracted to assess and evaluate the whole programme. These contracts will be advertised following County Council procurement regulations.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The programme will be funded as outlined below. Any surplus from the Arts Council England grant will be put in an earmarked reserve at the year end. Any unspent grant at the end of the project will have to be returned. The County Council contribution will be met from existing earmarked reserves.

#### Income

Arts Derbyshire	£10,000
Derbyshire County Council	£10,000
Arts Council England	£85,000

#### Expenditure

Estimated costs over two years	£105,000
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(4) **Social Value Considerations** The grant will enable All Dance to be rolled out across the County over two years, providing stimulating and creative physical exercise for people with disabilities. The programme is closely linked to these priorities in the Council Plan:

- A healthy Derbyshire
- A Derbyshire that cares

Contracts will be advertised asking for applicants to demonstrate any additional social value they may be able to bring to the project.

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

(6) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report? No.

(7) **Background Papers** Held on file within the economy, Transport and Communities Department. Officer contact details – Don Gibbs, extension 36572.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That the Cabinet Member:

8.1 Notes the report.

8.2 Accepts the grant of £85,000 from Arts Council England for the All Dance project.

8.3 Agrees to the advertisement of contracts for a creative producer, dance artists and an evaluator.

8.4 Agrees to create a reserve for the transfer of any year end balances.

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