

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

30 September 2014

Report of the Strategic Director, Health and Communities

COMMUNITY ARTS BUDGET

1 Purpose of the report:

To seek approval for the allocation of grant funding to Wash Arts, a community arts organisation in Erewash.

2 Information and analysis:

2.1 All applicants for County Council community arts grant funding are required to fill in an application form each year, describing their activities and the use to which they will put the grant. They are also required to submit regular reports on activity and budgets. Wash Arts has done this and was awarded £3,642 in March 2014, conditional on further discussions with the Head of Arts, as the organisation's plans at the time of the bid required further development.

2.2 Following detailed discussions between the Head of Arts and Wash Arts and the development of a more detailed programme of activities it is recommended that Wash Arts be awarded a further £3,000 from the community arts budget for additional arts activities in Erewash. The activities will be focused on the most disadvantaged groups in the borough.

2.3 Wash Arts have also been advised to consider the scale and scope of their bid for funding in 2015/16. (Any future applications for support will be judged in the context of the overall resources available at the time).

3 Financial considerations:

These are identified in the main body of the report. The grants are taken from the approved Community Arts Grants budget. They are allocated on a quarterly or yearly basis and are monitored by the Health and Communities Department's Business Services Section.

4 Equal opportunities considerations:

All community arts activity supports inclusion, works with the most disadvantaged groups and seeks to ensure that all local people have opportunities to participate, regardless of age, background or rural isolation.

5 Other considerations:

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

6 Background papers:

Community Arts Grants 2014/15, 26 March 2014.

7 Key decision:

No.

8 Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?
No

9 Officer's recommendation:

That the Cabinet Member, Health and Communities agrees to the allocation of £3,000 grant aid to Wash Arts, as detailed in the report.

David Lowe
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Health and Communities