

**Derbyshire County Council**

**Meeting with Cabinet Member, Health and Communities**

**06 May 2014**

**Report of the Strategic Director, Health and Communities**

**EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE SUMMER  
READING CHALLENGE**

**1. Purpose of the report:**

To seek approval from the Cabinet Member, Health and Communities to spend grant funding of £11,000 to support Summer Reading Challenge activities for children and families

**2. Information and analysis**

- 2.1 The Library Service applied to the Arts Council for a grant to support a wide range of activities for children and families to tie in with the 2014 Summer Reading Challenge. The application was successful and the service was awarded a grant of £10,000.
- 2.2 The grant will support a range of activities under the banner “Derbyshire Myths and Legends” and they will be led by three local artists. The events will involve storytelling, dance and craft related sessions for all ages and abilities. They will run between 26<sup>th</sup> July and 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
- 2.3 The work will also be supported by young volunteers, aged 13 – 24 years, as part of the Summer Reading Challenge volunteering scheme. Additional funding of £1,000 has been made available to Derbyshire by the Reading Agency, supported by the Social Action Fund, to increase Summer Reading Challenge volunteer numbers in 2014. This project will help sustain and increase participation in the Summer Reading Challenge.
- 2.4 As well as providing opportunities for locally based artists the funding will help to provide opportunities for young people to gain experience of work through volunteering and in particular help those working towards both Arts and Duke of Edinburgh awards.

**3. Financial considerations:**

As outlined in the body of the report

**4. Equal Opportunities considerations:**

The funding will help to maximise the involvement of children, young people and their families in the Summer Reading Challenge.

**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:**

None

**7 Key decision:**

No

**8 Call-in:**

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?

No

**9 Strategic Director's recommendation:**

To approve expenditure of £11,000 of grant funding to support the Summer Reading Challenge for children and families.

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