

# **Derbyshire County Council**

## **Meeting with Cabinet Member, Strategic Leadership, Culture and Tourism**

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

### **Report of the Strategic Director, Commissioning, Communities and Policy**

#### **ARTS GRANTS, 2018-19**

##### **(1) Purpose of Report**

To seek Cabinet Member approval to award grants to nine community arts groups and the Live and Local rural and community touring scheme for 2018-19.

##### **(2) Information and Analysis**

In accordance with Financial Regulations, all grants to external recipients must be approved and a departmental register maintained. Grants are payments of funds for a specific purpose. Examples include contributions towards an external party's core running costs, purchase or construction of specified assets, and the running of specific events.

There is now, also, a requirement under the Local Government Transparency Code 2014 to publish information on grants awarded to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations.

Nine community arts organisations have been in receipt of annual funding from the County Council for a number of years, as has the Live & Local rural and community touring scheme, which delivers arts performances in village halls and other community venues. All of these organisations support the Council's priorities and play an important role in helping vulnerable people in the community and care homes, those with learning difficulties and disadvantaged groups.

If agreed, the Head of Arts will continue to monitor the funded organisations and hold review meetings as appropriate. Each funded organisation is required to submit an annual report on their activities, with clear evaluation of the work, plus financial accounts and a three-year business plan.

Ten organisations have applied for funding for 2018-19, as listed below, and it is proposed to maintain the level of grants awarded at the same level as made in 2017/18.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Granted 2017-18</b>	<b>Requested 2018-19</b>	<b>Recommendation for 2018-19</b>
Buxton Festival	£5,723	£5,723	£5,723
Orchestras Live	£6,377	£6,377	£6,377
Level	£24,925	£24,925	£24,925
Fleet Arts	£18,006	£18,006	£18,006
High Peak Community Arts	£18,006	£18,006	£18,006
Junction Arts	£15,200	£15,200	£15,200
Learning Through Arts	£16,028	£20,000	£16,028
People Express	£16,323	£16,323	£16,323
Wash Arts	£3,642	£3,642	£3,642
Live & Local	£13,582	£13,582	£13,582
<b>Total</b>	<b>£137,812</b>	<b>£141,784</b>	<b>£137,812</b>

**(3) Financial Considerations**

The costs of the grants will be met from the existing arts budget

**(4) Legal Considerations**

By accepting grant funding, the bodies set out above will not be contractually obliged to deliver any particular services although the Council may be able to claw back grant if it is unspent or misapplied.

**(5) Social Value 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 in the arts, regardless of age, background or rural isolation.

**(6) Other Considerations:**

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

**(7) Key Decision**

No.

- (8) **Call-in** is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report?

No.

- (8) **Background Papers**

Held on file within the Community Services Division. Officer contact details – Ann Wright, extension 32886.

- (9) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the Cabinet Member approves the award of grants, as detailed in the body of the report.

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