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MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC POLICY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET** held on 25 October 2016 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor Ms A Western

Also in attendance – Councillor R Mihaly

45/16 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

46/16 **COMMUNITY PRIORITIES PROGRAMME – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR THE CHATSWORTH ARTS CENTRE, LONG EATON**

An application for funding under the Community Priorities Programme (CPP) had been submitted by Councillor Roland Hosker for a grant of £33,000 to support the Chatsworth Arts Centre in the centre of Long Eaton. The Chatsworth Arts Centre was a community based arts centre which enjoyed charitable status. The centre comprised a 180 seat theatre which was regularly converted into a multi-purpose space for other community activities and events.

The Centre was governed by trustees but was operated and managed by elected members, all of whom were volunteers. The Trustees, using their knowledge of the needs, current usage and future potential of the building, had designed alterations which would bring about a transformation of the current space. The funding from the CPP would galvanise and enable the Trustees to embark upon an ambitious extension to the existing building. This work would create an additional self-contained modern, multi-purpose community space which would stand alone from the current theatre area. The re-configured space would also allow generation of additional income for the running of the centre as a whole. The proposed new self-contained community space presented the opportunity to cater for outside groups using the space on a regular basis and to ensure the building was used to its maximum potential. It also allowed for the expansion of valuable social interactions for the many existing volunteers and regular visitors.

RESOLVED to approve the application for £33,000 for the Chatsworth Arts Centre as set out in the report.