

Derbyshire County Council

Cabinet

13 March 2012

Report of the Strategic Director of Cultural and Community Services

EXPENDITURE OF COMMUNITY ARTS BUDGET 2012/13 (Leadership and Culture)

1 Purpose of the report:

To seek approval for the allocation of 2012/13 grant aid to community arts groups in Derbyshire.

2 Information and analysis:

2.1 This report outlines applications for continued financial support from arts groups which were awarded grants during 2011/12.

2.2 Requirements:

All applicants for County Council community arts grant aid are required to fill in an application form each year, describing their activities and the use to which they will put the grant. Applicants are also required to submit the following documents with the request form:

- Constitution
- Equal opportunities policy
- Protection policy for children, young people and vulnerable adults, including assurance that all employed staff involved in work with children, young people and vulnerable adults have CRB certificates
- Grievance and disciplinary procedures
- A plan for the next 3 years, showing the projected arts development work, including targets and key activities
- Budget for the coming year, showing how the County Council grant will contribute to the work

2.3 Review and monitoring:

The Head of Arts monitors the funded organisations each year and holds review meetings with most organisations on an annual basis (sometimes jointly with Arts Council England). Each funded organisation is required to provide an annual report on their activities, with clear evaluation of the work. Most also provide quarterly reports.

2.4 Criteria for awarding grants:

There are four key criteria which enable a group to be supported through this grant fund:

- That the group is a not-for-profit organisation, set up to provide community arts work in Derbyshire
- That the group's work covers a significant area of Derbyshire (usually one or more districts)
- That the County Council does not normally provide more than 35% of the group's total funding.
- The Small Arts and Arts Festival Grants are one-off non-recurring awards.

2.5 *Funding applications and recommendations:*

Organisations	Requested	Awarded 2011/12	Recommended for 2012/13
Buxton Festival	£6,000	£5,723	£5,723
Orchestras Live	£6,227	£6,227	£6,227
First Movement	£24,925	£24,925	£24,925
Fleet Arts	£18,006	£18,006	£18,006
High Peak Community Arts	£19,500	£18,006	£18,006
Junction Arts	£16,000	£15,200	£15,200
Learning Through Arts	£30,000	£16,028	£16,028
People Express	£17,000	£16,323	£16,323
Wash Arts	£5,000	£3,642	£3,642
Small Arts Grants	£24,412	£24,412	£24,412
Arts Festival Grants	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
Totals	£177,070	£158,492	£158,492

There are two organisations which were granted funding last year and are not listed this time. For the last ten years there have been two organisations working for the arts across the whole county: the Derbyshire Arts Partnership, a formal partnership of all nine local authorities in the county; and the Derbyshire Arts Development Group, an association of all the professional arts organisations in the county, including local authorities. Following widespread consultation with the members of these two groups and other partners, these two organisations have been dissolved and a new single strategic partnership called Arts Derbyshire set up instead. The County Council's former grants and subscriptions to both organisations are now made directly to the programmes of work undertaken.

3 Financial considerations:

These are identified in the main body of the report. The grants are allocated on a quarterly or yearly basis and are monitored by the Cultural & Community Services Department's Business Services Section.

4 Equal opportunities considerations:

All community arts activity supports inclusion 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; and environmental, health, human resources, property and transport considerations.

6 Background papers:

Funding application forms and business plans from the Community Arts groups.

Community Arts Grants 2011/12, 7 March 2011

Arts Derbyshire, 10th October 2011

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:

That Cabinet agrees to the allocation of 2012/13 grant aid to community arts groups in Derbyshire as detailed in the report.

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