

Title of meeting: Culture, Leisure & Sport Decision Meeting

Subject: Revenue Grants 2016-2017

Date of meeting: 18 March 2016

Report by: Director of Culture and City Development

Wards affected: All

1. Requested by

This report has been requested by the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure & Sport, Cllr Linda Symes.

2. Purpose

- 2.1 This report sets out to confirm the funding levels which have previously been agreed by Members at Full Council for cultural organisations for the financial year 2016-17

3. Information Requested

- 3.1 There have been a series of reductions in funding to cultural organisations following an initial range of consultations undertaken regarding future funding for organisations in receipt of council money in October 2013. The Council meeting on 12th November 2013 outlined a number of reductions which were then amended during the course of the meeting.
- 3.2 During the course of the meeting the proposals for the savings for 2015/16 and 2016/17 were accepted and since then officers have been working with cultural organisations to ensure that they are aware of the anticipated levels of funding for future years.
- 3.3 Through a range of measures officers were able to mitigate some of the reductions which had been proposed and not all the cuts were passed onto organisations for 2015/16. Officers also ensured that correspondence in March 2015 clearly confirmed both the grant levels for 2015/16 and highlighted the indicative grant payments for 2016/17.

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4. Revenue Grants 2016-17

4.1 The revenue grant contributions from the Council for 2016/17 will be as follows:

Organisation	Grant 2016/17
Aspex Visual Arts Trust	£16,900
Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra	£25,000
Kings Theatre	£62,200
New Theatre Royal	£77,000
Peter Ashley Activities Centres	£6,500
City of Portsmouth Preserved Transport	£5,300

4.2 Additionally a number of small grants have been identified for organisations who are specifically going to deliver strategic cultural work in the city:

Organisation	Grant
New Writing South	£5,000
Portsmouth Festivities 2016	£5,000

4.3 It should be noted that the phased reducing 5 year grant to Southsea Skatepark Company Limited which was established as part of the transfer of operations out of the Council will cease at the end of the current financial year and that they will no longer require subsidy from 2016/17.

4.4 All grant awards are subject to a detailed Service Level Agreement and a range of monitoring and measurable delivery in association with the funding provided by the Council.

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Signed by:
Stephen Baily
Director of Culture and City Development

Appendices: None

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
Minutes for Full Council meeting 12 th November 2013	http://democracy.portsmouth.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=146&MId=2277&Ver=4