

Agenda item:

Title of meeting: Culture, Leisure & Sport Decision Meeting

Date of meeting: 26 January 2018

Subject: Revenue Grants 2018/2019

Report by: Director of Culture and City Development

Wards affected: All

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform the Cabinet Member of the outline funding levels for the Revenue Grant payments to cultural organisations for the financial year 2018/19 following the outline budget agreement at the Full Council meeting on 12th December 2017.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **To confirm the details of the funding levels which have previously been agreed by Members at Full Council for cultural organisations for the financial year 2018-19.**

3. Background

- 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 meeting.
- 3.2 Through a range of measures officers were able to mitigate some of the reductions which had been proposed and not all the cuts have been passed onto organisations over the last few years. Officers also encouraged all funded organisations to participate in the recent budget consultation and direct links were sent to the senior officers encouraging participation.
- 3.3 Through continued careful budget management it has been possible to secure the same level of Revenue funding for the majority of Cultural organisations going into 2018-19 and these figures are detailed below.

- 3.4 The revenue grant contributions from the Council for 2018/19 are proposed as follows:

Organisation	Purpose of the Revenue Grant	Grant 2018-19
Aspex Visual Arts Trust	To support the work of Aspex as the primary contemporary visual arts space in Portsmouth	£16,900
Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra	To continue to as key concert centre with high quality professional classical concerts and outreach programme	£25,000
Kings Theatre	To support the programme of work at the Kings Theatre	£48,000
New Theatre Royal	To support the programme of work at the New Theatre Royal and to provide a specific enhancement in 2018/19 of £5,000 for the appointment of the new Chief Executive	£82,000
Peter Ashley Activities Centres	To support the work and activities at both Fort Widley and Fort Purbrook	£3,000
City of Portsmouth Preserved Transport	To provide specialist storage and maintenance for historic vehicles from Portsmouth's Museums collection	£5,300

- 3.5 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.

4. Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 The provision of revenue funding to cultural organisations has a long history in Portsmouth and both Officers and Members have gone to considerable lengths to protect the revenue funding through the periods of budget reductions. The continued provision of funding both acknowledges the strategic importance of these organisations but also the role this funding provides in leveraging in funding from other cultural funders such as the Arts Council and Heritage Lottery Fund.

5. Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 5.1 An EIA is not required to support any of the recommendations within this report as there is no change of policy.

6. Legal Comments

- 6.1 The Council has a specific statutory power under Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972 to make contributions (which would include grant funding) towards the pursuit of arts, entertainment and cultural objectives and may also rely

on the general power of competence for local authorities in the Localism Act 2011, section 1.

7. Director of Finance Comments

7.1 There is full financial provision for these payments in the 2018/19 service budget.

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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 of Full Council meeting 12 th December 2017	<i>Link to be inserted after January Council meeting when the minutes are agreed</i>

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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Signed by:
Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport