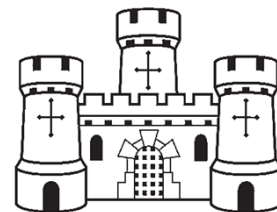


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Venue Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, Merrial Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 2AG
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Grants Assessment Panel

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

PART 1 – OPEN AGENDA

5A Cultural Grants

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Members: Councillors Astle, Burgess, Miss J Cooper, Parker, Rout (Chair), Walklate, Winfield and Wing

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REPORT TO GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL

Date: 19 December 2016

HEADING **CULTURAL GRANTS**

Submitted by: Executive Director – Operational Services

Portfolio: Leisure, Culture & Localism

Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

To consider the attached applications for Cultural Grants for the third quarter of 2016/17.

Recommendations

1. That the panel consider the applications submitted with a view to determining whether a grant should be awarded, and if so, at what level.
2. Panel to consider a temporary proposed change to the criteria
3. Panel to consider one permanent change to the criteria

Reasons

To support local arts, heritage and community groups to develop cultural activities and events for the benefit of the people of the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme. Grants Assessment Panel remit is to determine which of the grant applications meet the Council's Corporate Priorities and merit an award.

1. **BACKGROUND**

1.1 The Council has always maintained its support to local organisations by providing a fund, which is allocated to cultural activities. This allows groups or organisations to apply for grants up to £1200 in any one year.

2. **ISSUES**

2.1 The list as shown in Appendix 1 identifies the groups applying for funding this round.

2.2 2018 will mark the 250th anniversary of the first performance of the modern circus invented by Philip Astley who was born in Newcastle. Philip Astley will be celebrated through The Philip Astley project in 2018. In order to encourage and support our communities to celebrate, commemorate and mark this anniversary we propose the addition of the following words to the Cultural Grant Criteria for the years 2017-19

The panel will look favourably on projects which aim to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of Philip Astley's first modern circus performance and which take place during 2018.

2.3 In order to ensure that projects have sufficient participation by borough residents the addition of the following clause

The fund is open to any arts or community group planning an arts project or event in Newcastle Borough or can demonstrate that at least 25% of participants/spectators are Newcastle Borough residents

3 OUTCOMES LINKED TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 The organisations cater for the following Council Corporate Priorities:

- A clean, green and safer Borough
- A Borough of Opportunity
- Creating a Healthy and Active Community
- A co-operative Council delivering high quality community-driven services

4 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

There are no statutory or legal implications.

5 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The amount allocated for 2016/17 is £12000. The balance is currently £7415.00. If all the eligible grants are approved to the sum of £1100.16 this will leave a balance of £6314.84.

6 MAJOR RISKS

Events may be unable to take place if funding is not available.

7 LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – List of organisations seeking Cultural Grant funding
Appendix 2 – Spreadsheet of awards and balance 2016/17

DC/16/17

List of Organisations Seeking Cultural Grant Funding

£12000 Budget

APPLICANT	REF	AWARD REQUEST	THE ORGANISATION AND ITS PROJECT	COST OF PROJECT	PREVIOUS AWARDS	OTHER FUNDING
Audley Medieval Society	07/12/17	£1100.16	<p>Parish Audley Medieval Society are a living medieval and community group, based in Audley who provide educational and historical activities for the community. Founded in 2009 they run interactive activities for schools. Fundraising events and community groups.</p> <p>They are applying for assistance for their annual Medieval and Community Event on April 22-23 2017. This free to attend event gives the community the opportunity to learn about their history, try archery and experience hands on activities from the period. The event will be held on the Millennium Green, Castle Hill and for all age groups. They would like funding to pay for a medieval executioner, blacksmith, surgeon and a circus company.</p>	£4186.47	£1099.96 2015/16	<p>NULBC Com Chest (uncon)</p> <p>PAMS Fundraising</p> <p>Table & brochure sales (uncon)</p>
Black Feather Theatre Co.	08/12/17	£1200	<p>Black Feather Theatre Company is not a formally constituted group, partnership or organisation who aim to raise awareness on difficult areas young adults are exposed to. Starting with the sensitive subject of mental health and depression especially within males.</p> <p>Their aim is to travel a production entitled 'Man Up' around different learning establishments and bring awareness through a performance but also providing workshops with the audience. This will be facilitated through improvised performance from the audience's suggestions.</p>	£2000	None	None

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DATE	REF	ORGANISATION	PROJECT	Requested Amount	Actual Award	BALANCE	DECISION
						12,000.00	
06/06/2016	01/06/17	Newcastle Festival for Music, Speech and Drama	Newcastle Festival for Music, Speech and Drama 2017	1,200.00	600.00	11,400.00	Partial Award
06/06/2016	02/06/17	Madula	Madula Music at the CARA Festival	1,200.00	0.00	11,400.00	Application Withdrawn
06/06/2016	03/06/17	Potboiler Theatre	Hopelessly Devoted Research and Development	630.00	630.00	10,770.00	Full Award
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19/09/2016	04/09/17	Barbara Walton Singers	Concert for the Fallen	955.00	955.00	9,815.00	Full Award
19/09/2016	05/09/17	New Vic Theatre Trust	Recording Wedgwood Memorial Inst Memories	1,200.00	1,200.00	8,615.00	Full Award
19/09/2016	06/09/17	Potteries Theatre Company	Theatre Production 'Fame'	1,200.00	1,200.00	7,415.00	Full Award
12/12/17	07/12/17	Audley Medieval Society	Medieval Community Fair	1,100.16			
12/12/17	08/07/17	Black Feather Theatre co.	Man Up - Theatre Production	1,200.00	Not eligible		

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