

## REPORT TO GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL

**Date:** 14 December 2015

**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 first quarter of 2015/16.

### **Recommendations**

**That the panel consider the applications submitted with a view to determining whether a grant should be awarded, and if so, at what level.**

### **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.

## **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 2015/16 is £12000. If all the grants are approved to the sum of £4500 this will leave a balance of £3220.

6. **MAJOR RISKS**

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

7. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

8. **LIST OF APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – List of organisations seeking Cultural Grant funding  
Appendix 2 – Spreadsheet of awards and balance 2015-2016

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