

CULTURAL GRANTS

Submitted by: Executive Director – Operational Services

Portfolio: Culture and Active Communities

Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

To consider the attached applications for Cultural Grants.

Recommendation

To approve the recommendation as indicated in the report.

Reasons

To support local art and community groups to develop cultural activities and events for the community.

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 £1500 in any one year.

2. **Issues**

2.1 The list as shown in **Appendix A** to this report identifies the Groups applying for funding this round.

3. **Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities**

3.1 The organisations cater for the following Council Corporate Priorities:

No. 1 - Creating a Cleaner, Greener and Safer Borough

No. 2 - Creating a Borough of Opportunity

No. 3 - Creating a Healthy and Active Community

4. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

There are no statutory or legal implications.

5. **Financial and Resource Implications**

5.1 The amount allocated for 2011/12 is £14,360. A total of £7,511 has been paid out leaving £6849 in the budget. **Appendix B** gives details of those grants awarded by the Panel in the current financial year.

If all the grants are approved to the sum of £4200, this will leave a balance of £2649.

6. **Major Risks**

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

7. **List of Appendices**

Appendix A – List of Organisations Seeking Grant Aid

Appendix B – Spreadsheet of Awards and Balance 2011-2012