

## **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.

### **Recommendations**

To approve the recommendations set out in Appendix 'A' of this 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' identifies the Groups applying for funding this round.

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

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 none.

#### 5. **Financial and Resource Implications**

- 5.1 The amount allocated for 2011/12 is £14,360. To date, a total of £10811 has been paid out leaving £3549 in the budget. If all the grants are approved to the sum of £3000, this will leave a balance of £549.

#### 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