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 Appendix 1 identifies the Groups applying for funding this round. Details of the applications received will be available at the meeting.

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

The amount allocated for 2012/13 is £14,360. If all the grants are approved to the sum of £3800, this will leave a balance of £2382.

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 grant aid Appendix 2 – Spreadsheet of awards and balance for 2012-2013