

CULTURAL GRANTS

Date: 6 September 2011
Title: 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 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

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

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

3. OUTCOMES LINKED TO 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 no statutory or legal implications.

5. **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The amount allocated for 2011/12 is £14,360. A total of £4,040 has been paid out leaving £10,320 in the budget. If all the grants are approved to the sum of £3,631, this will leave a balance of £6,689.

6. **MAJOR RISKS**

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

7. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

To approve the recommendations as indicated in the attached Appendix 1.

8. **LIST OF APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – list of organisations seeking grant aid

Appendix 2 – Spreadsheet of awards and balance 2011-2012

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