

## **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**

- (a) To approve the recommendation as indicated in the report.
- (b) Panel to consider a temporary proposed change to the criteria

### **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.
- 1.2 A temporary change in the criteria is recommended in respect of the First World War Centenary commemorations

## **2. Issues**

- 2.1 The list as shown in Appendix A identifies the Groups applying for funding this round.
- 2.2 2014 will mark the centenary of the start of the First World War. The war will be commemorated by cultural and community organisations throughout Staffordshire between 2014 and 2018. In order to encourage and support our communities to celebrate, commemorate and mark this centenary we propose the addition of the following words to the Cultural Grant Criteria for the years 2013/14-2018/19:

*'The panel will look favourably on projects which aim to commemorate the centenary of the First World War with particular reference to the Borough and its residents, and which take place between 2014-18.'*

## **3. Outcomes Linked to 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 2012/13 is £14,360. If all the grants are approved to the sum of £10300, this will leave a balance of -£4967.50.

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 2012-2013